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(54) **BASSINET APPARATUS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A bassinet apparatus having a base with first and second elongate support members parallel to each other. Lower portions of first and second side support member are slideably engaged respectively on the first and second elongate support members. Upper portions of the first and second side support members pivotally engage first and second bassinet support members extending from the upper portion of the first side support member to the upper portion of the second side support member. A bassinet receptacle depends from the first and second bassinet support members.

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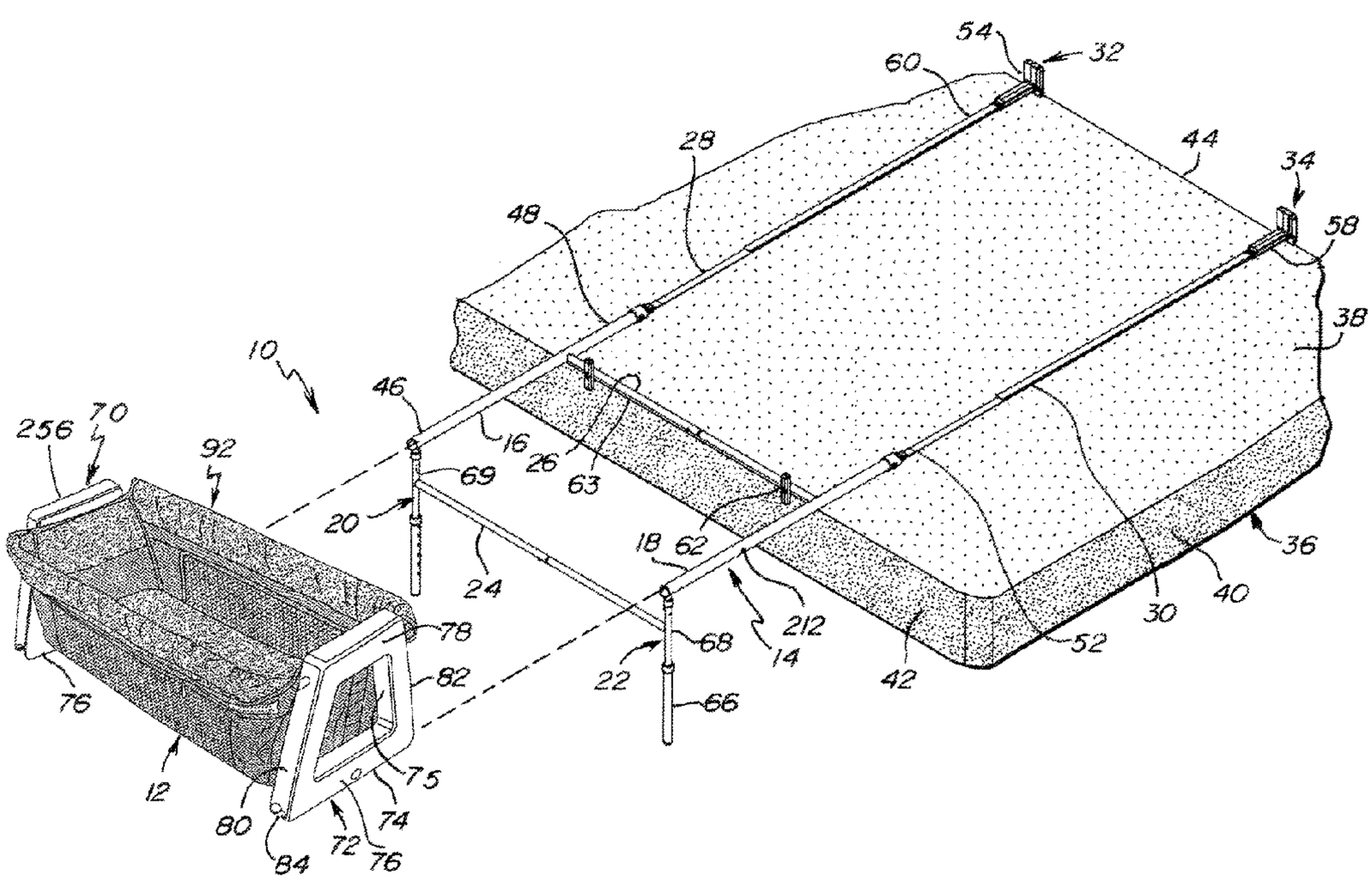

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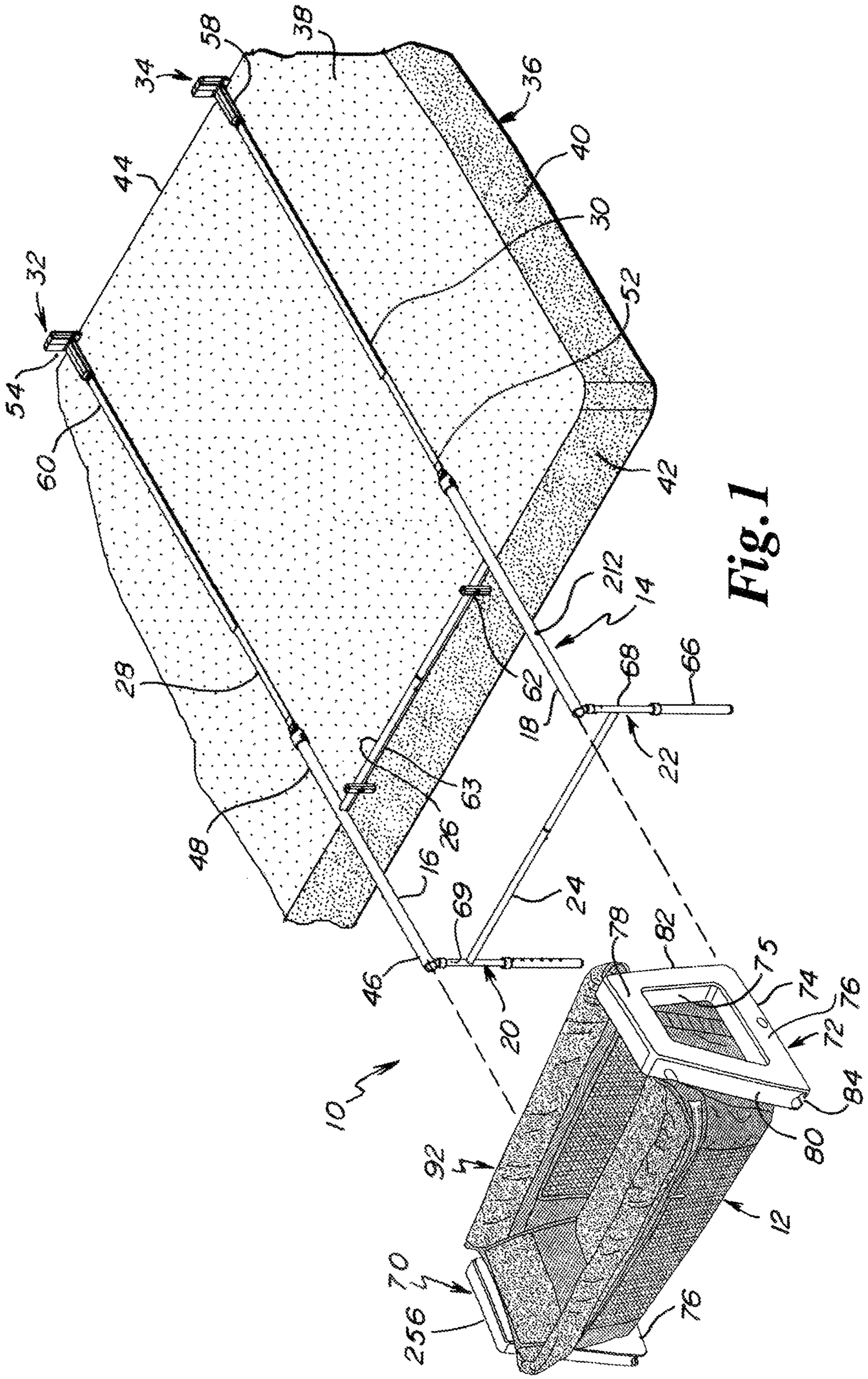
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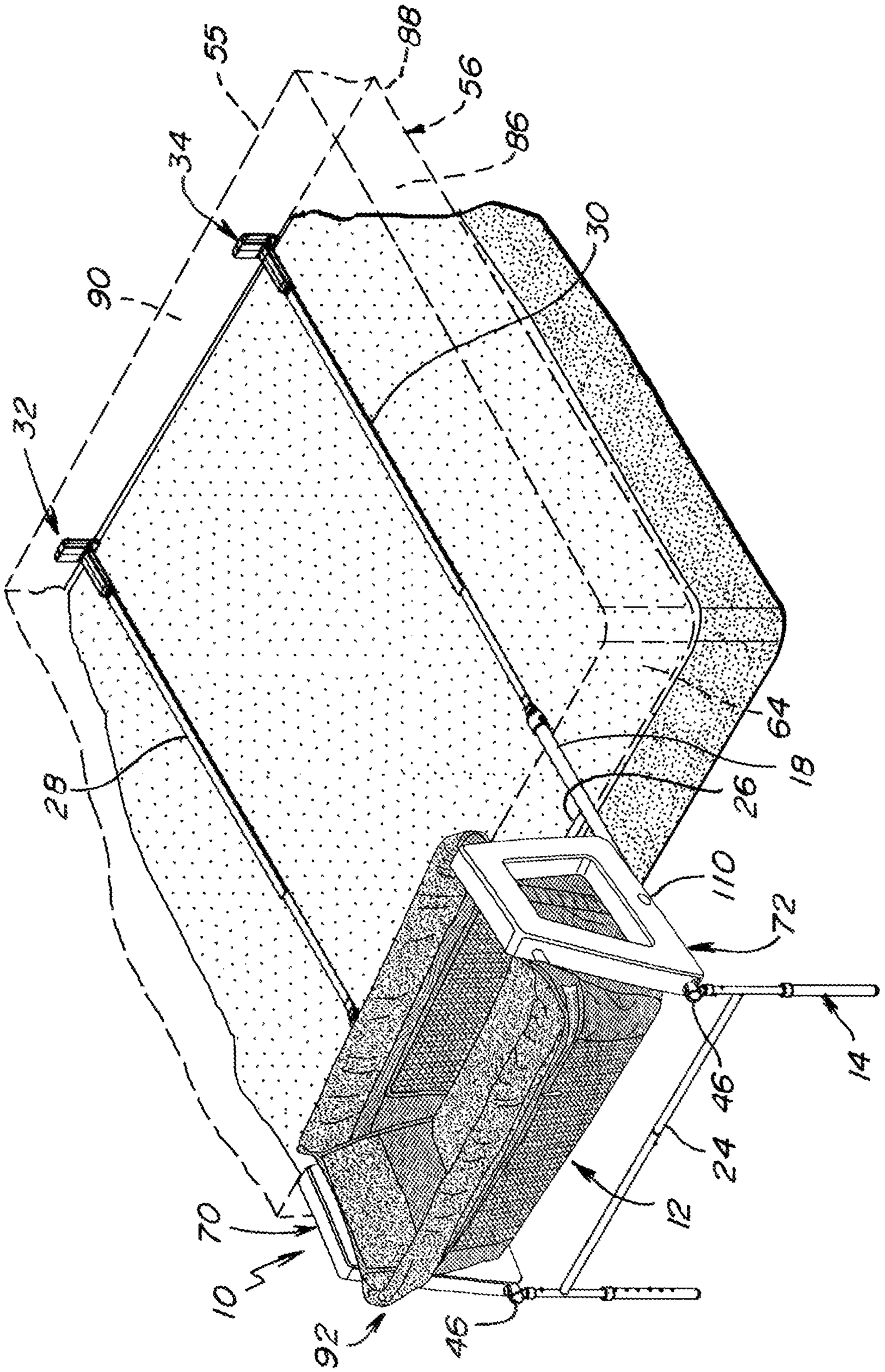

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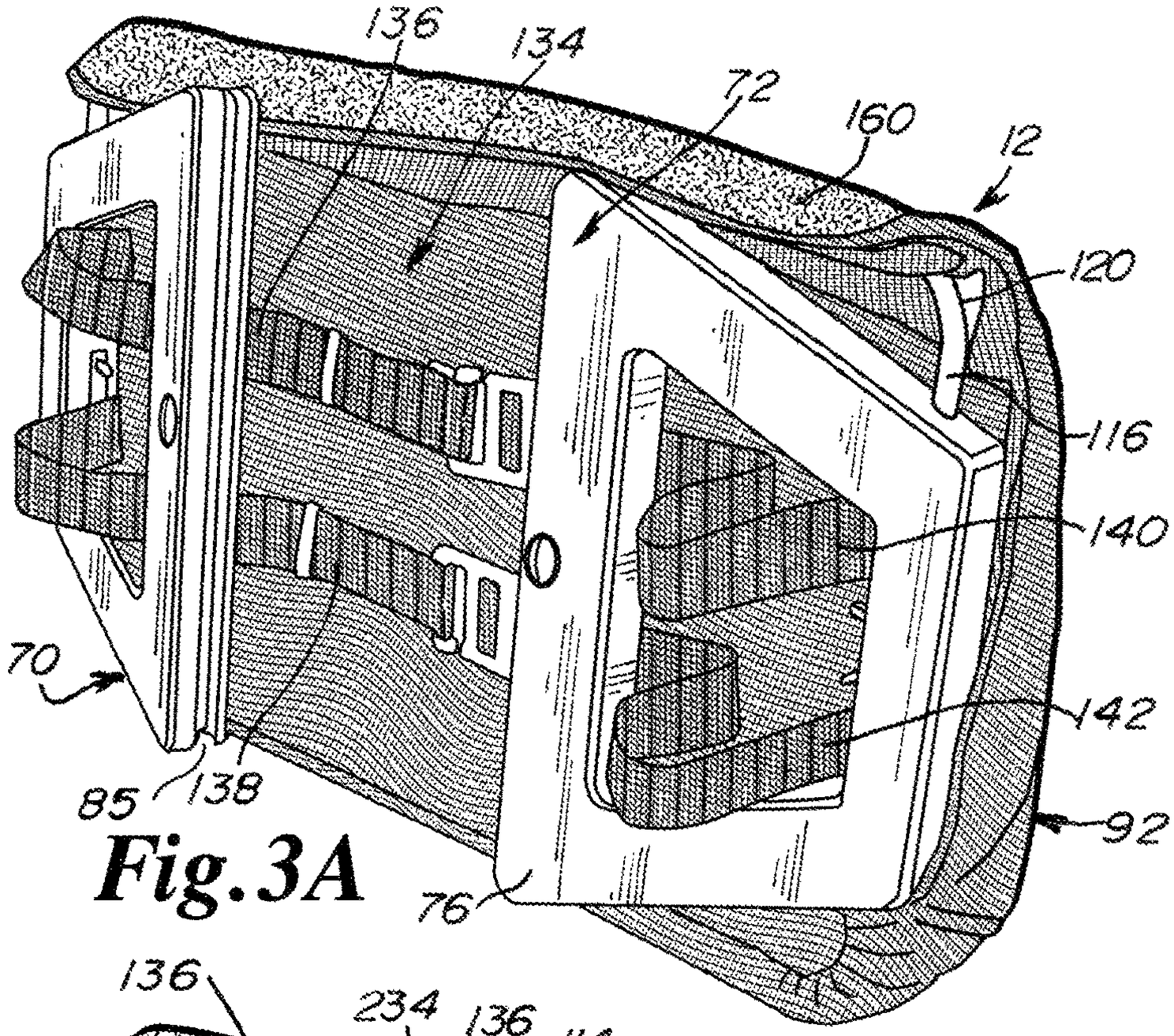
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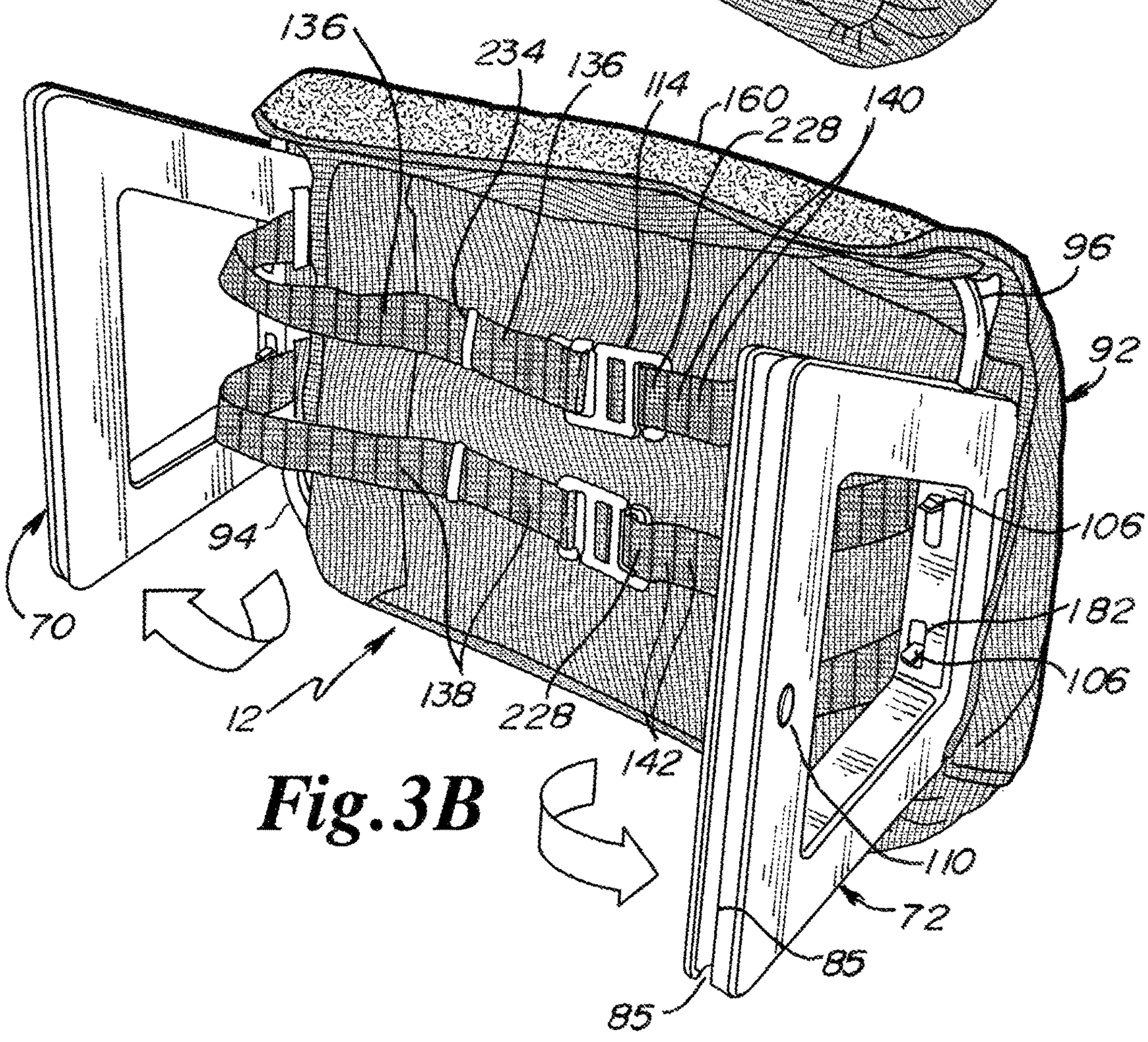
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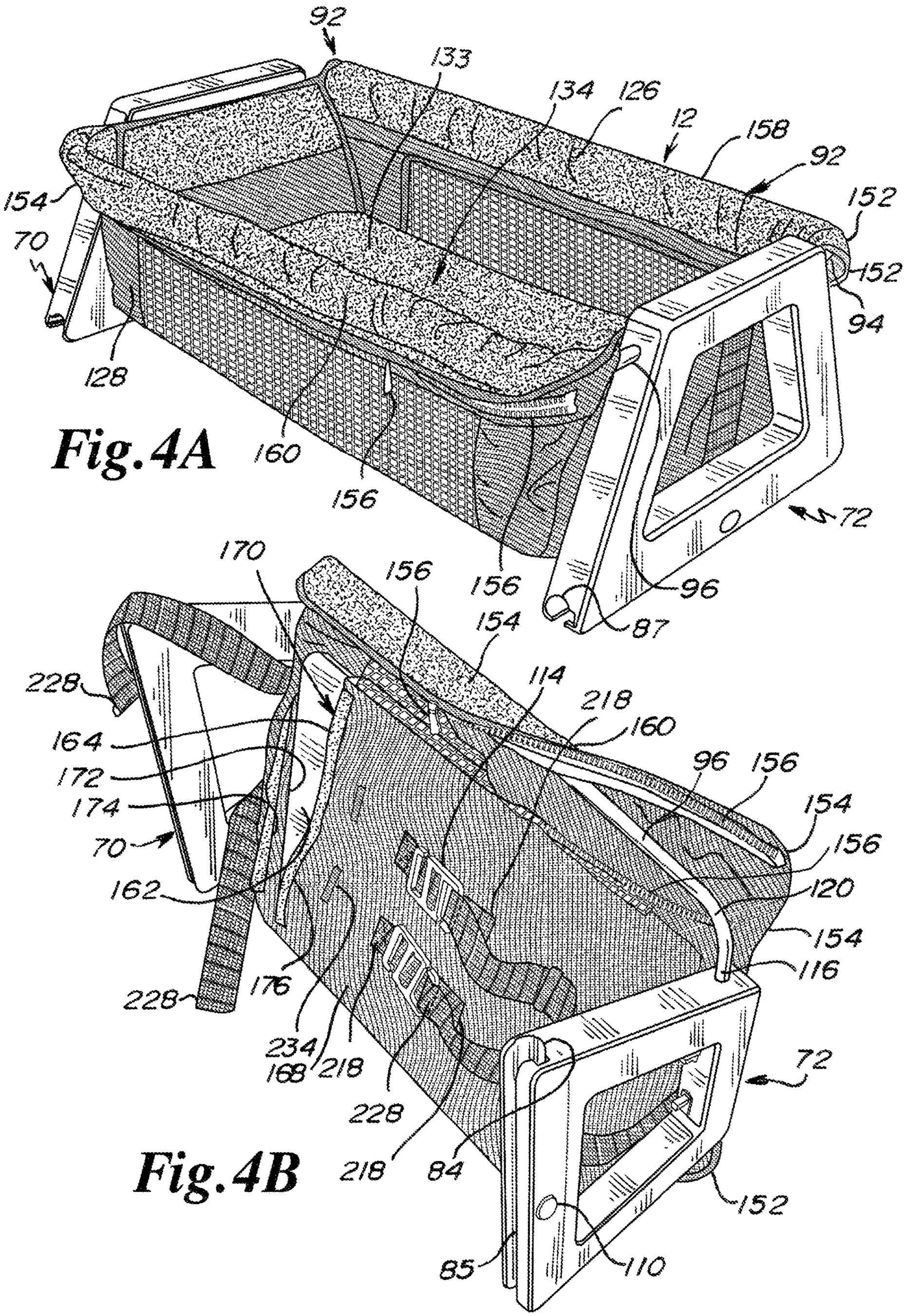
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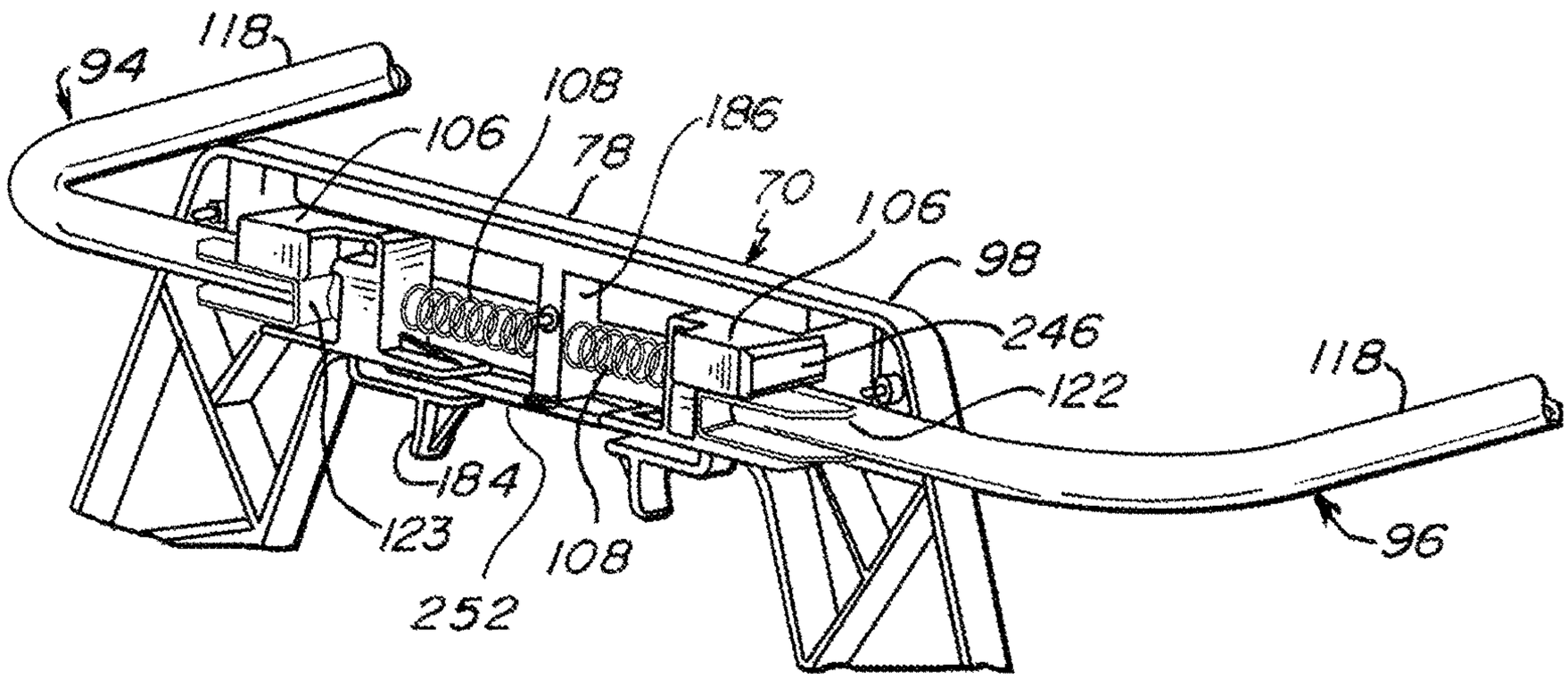
Fig.4A

Fig.4B



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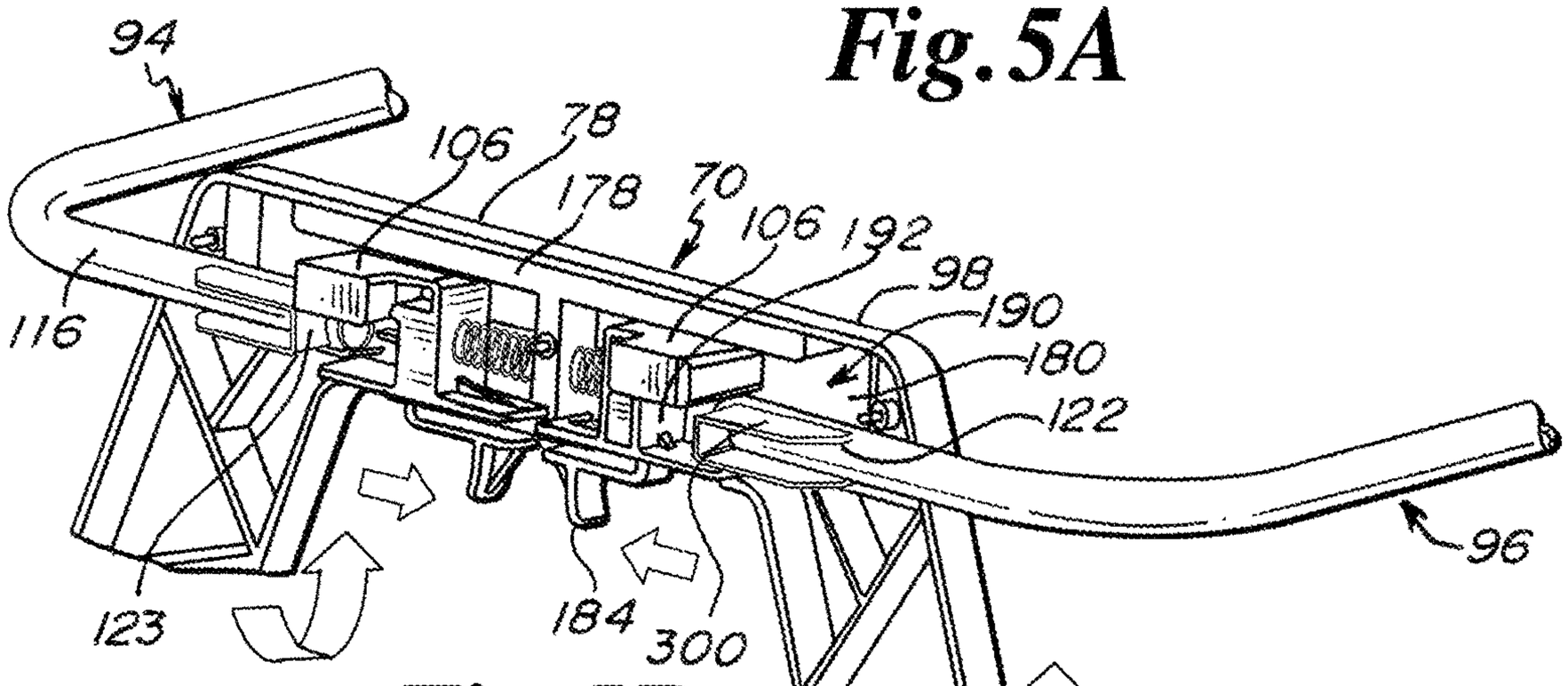

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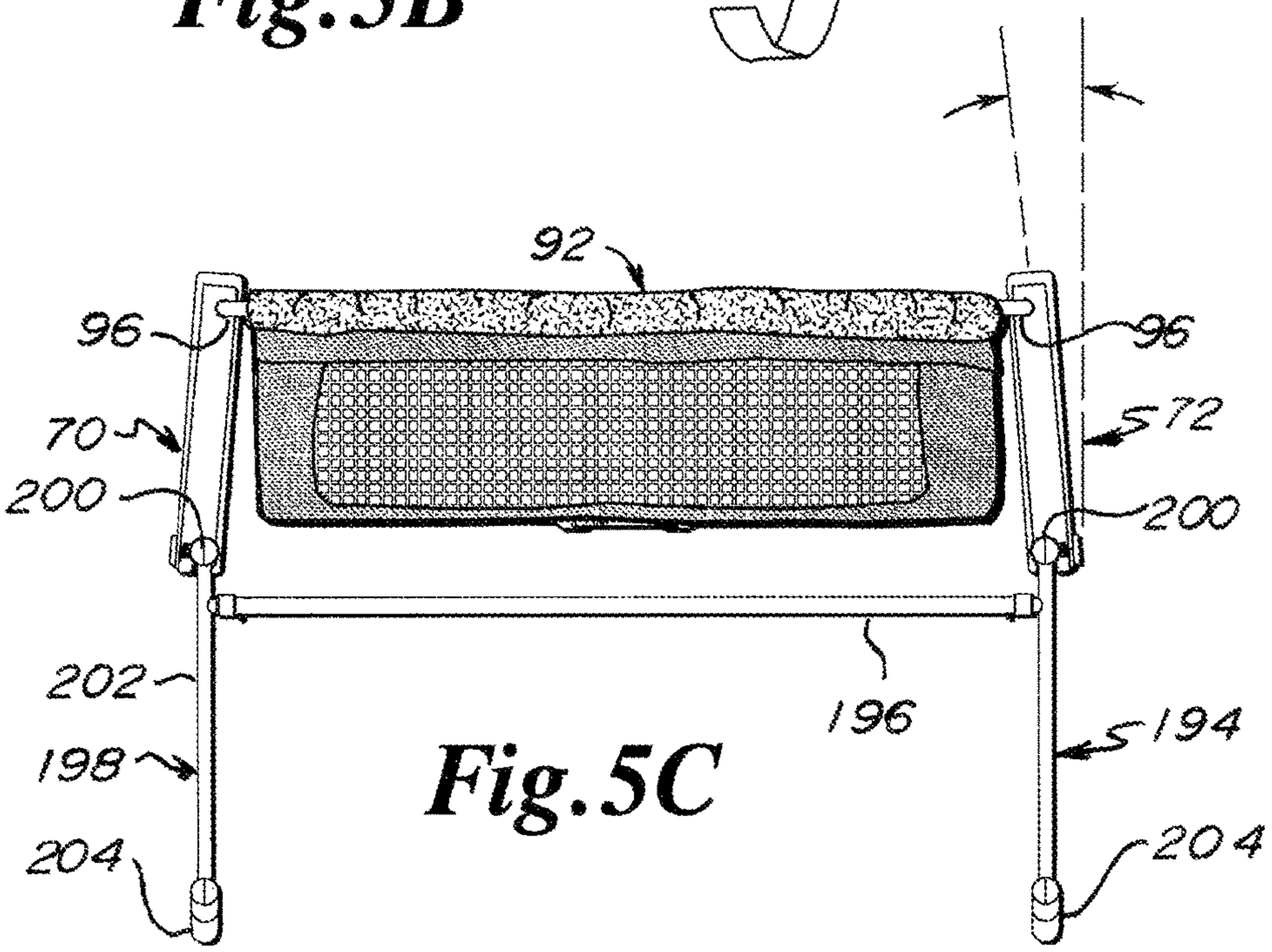

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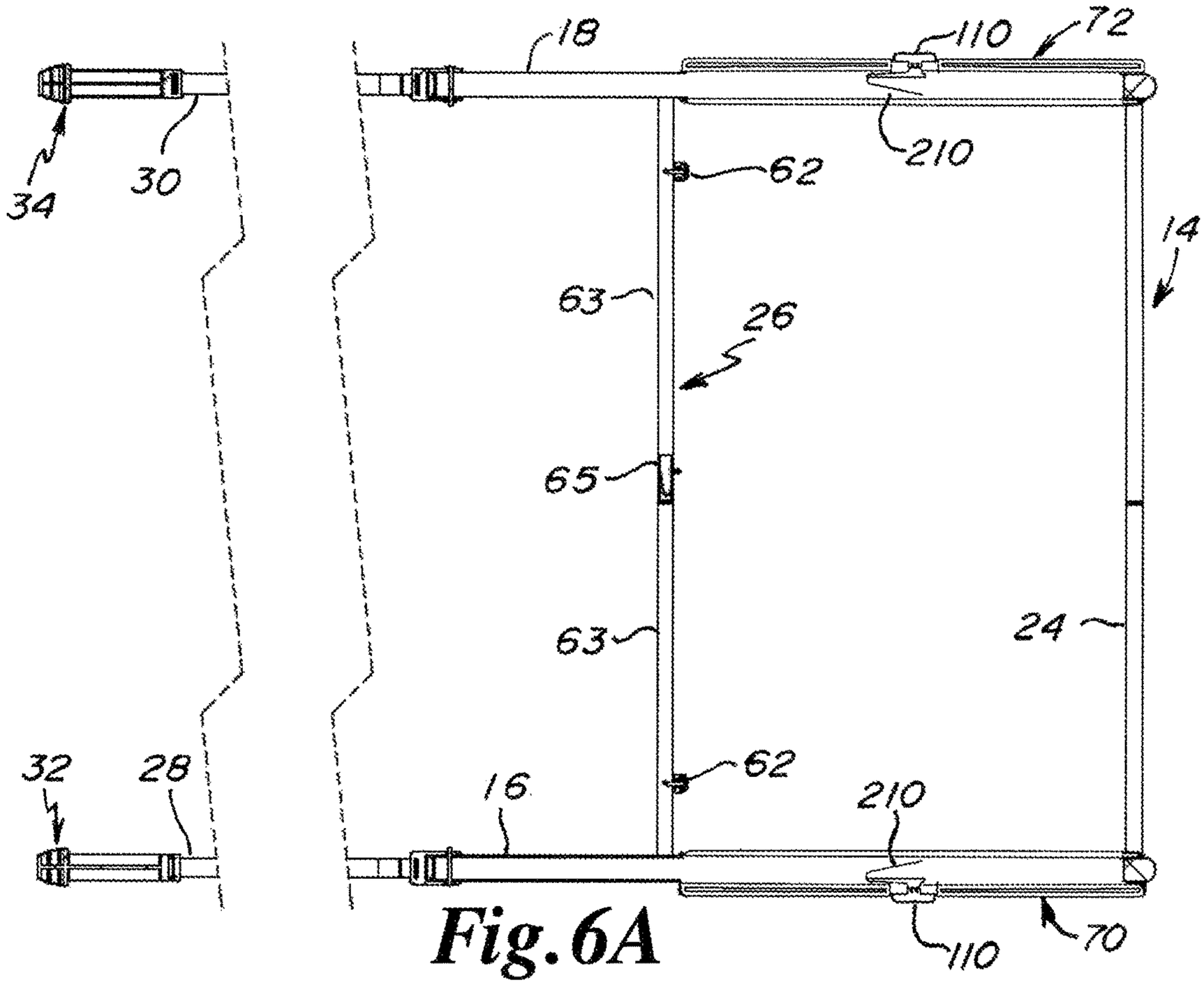

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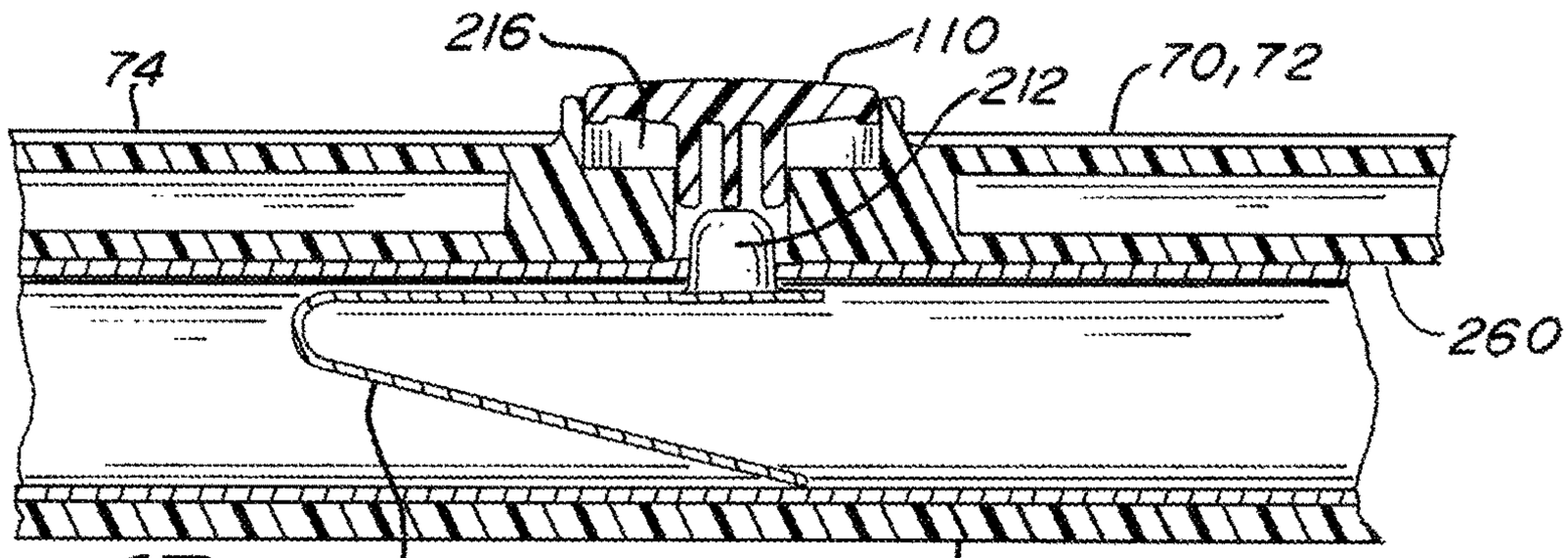

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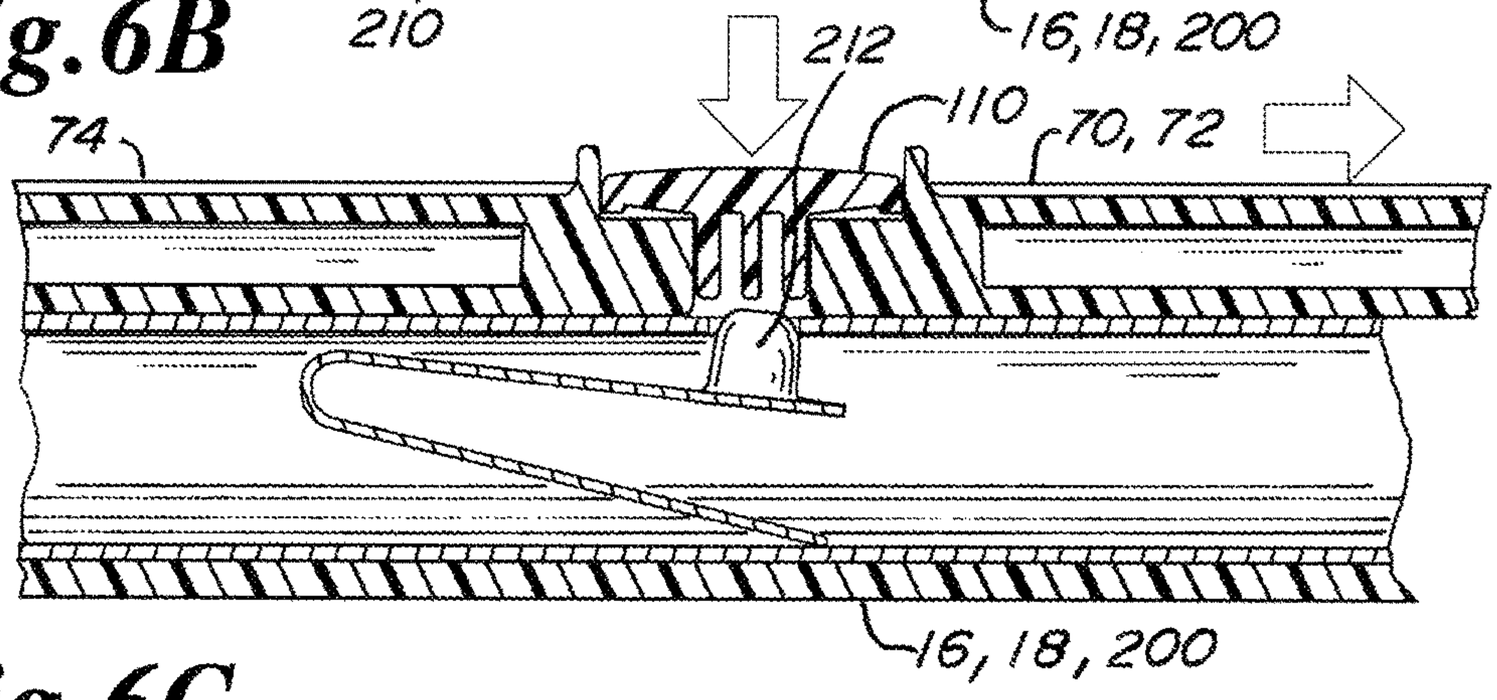

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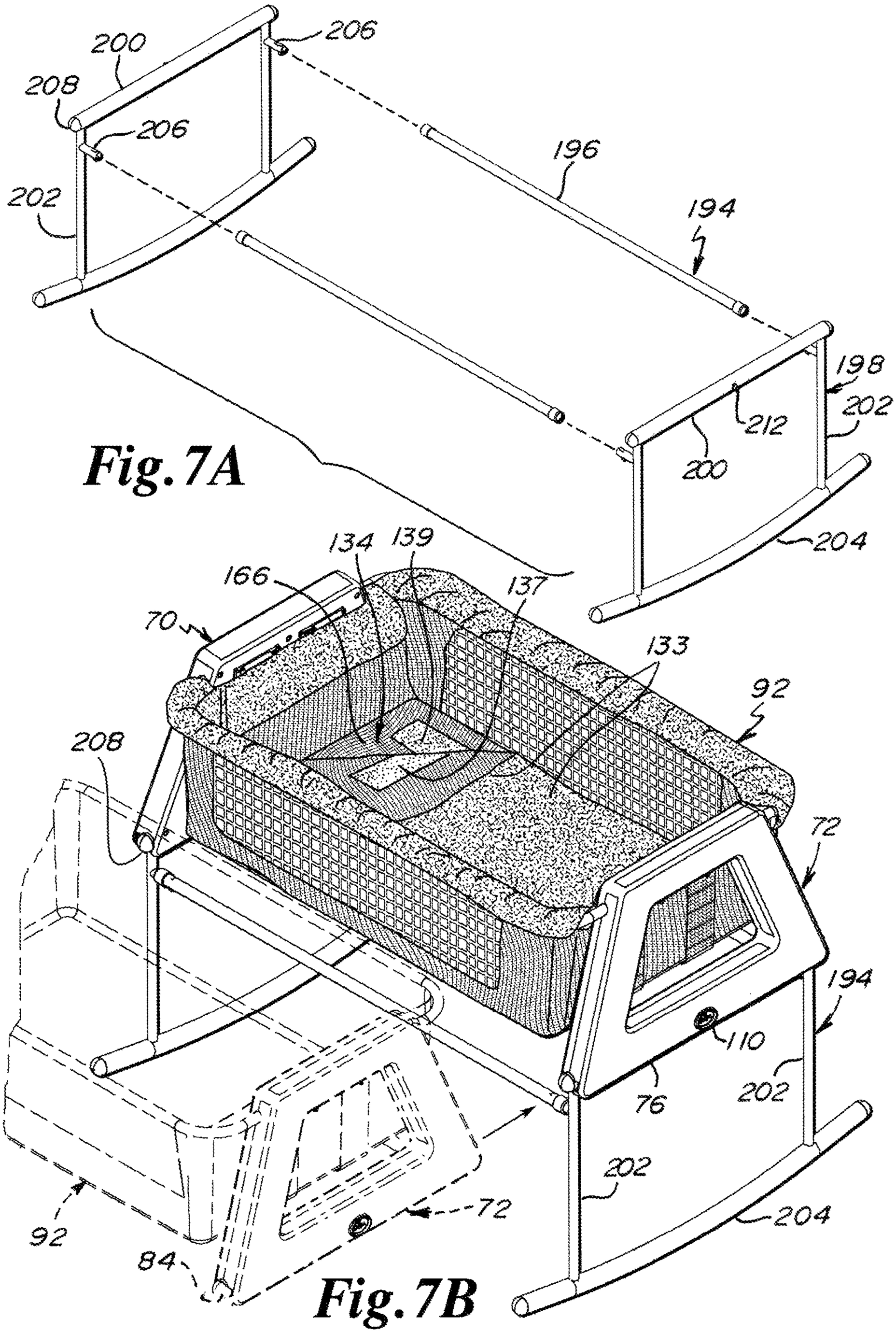
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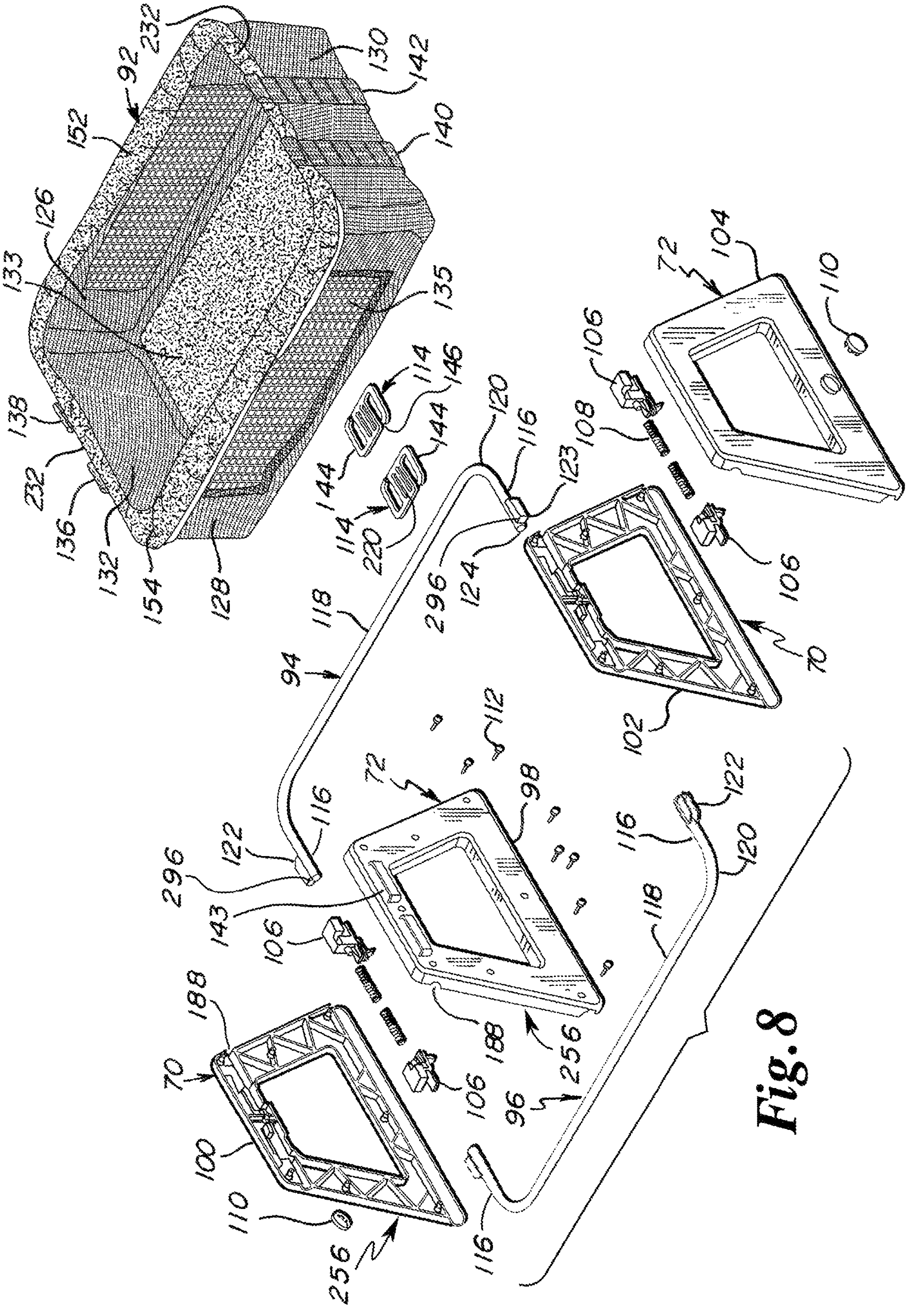
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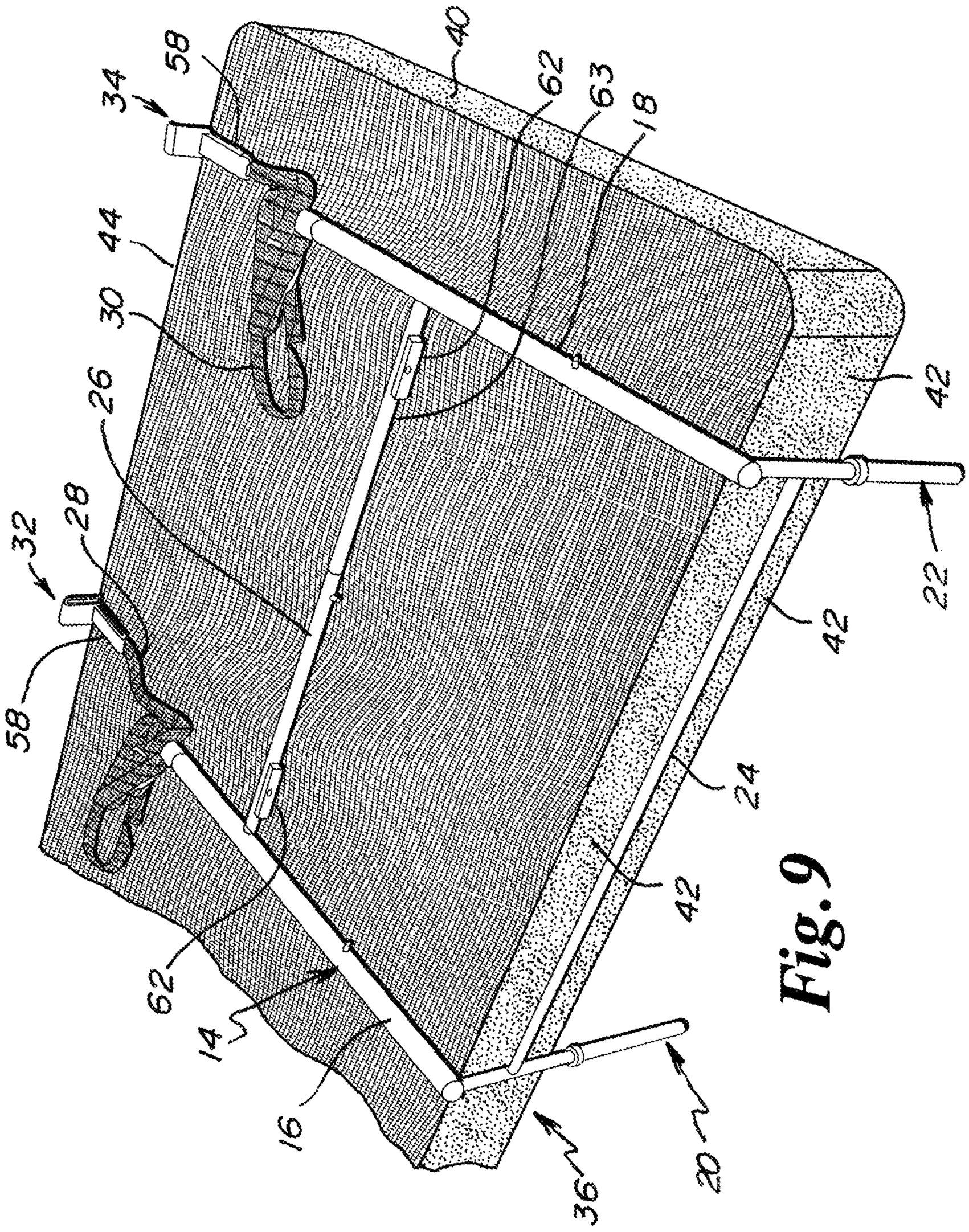

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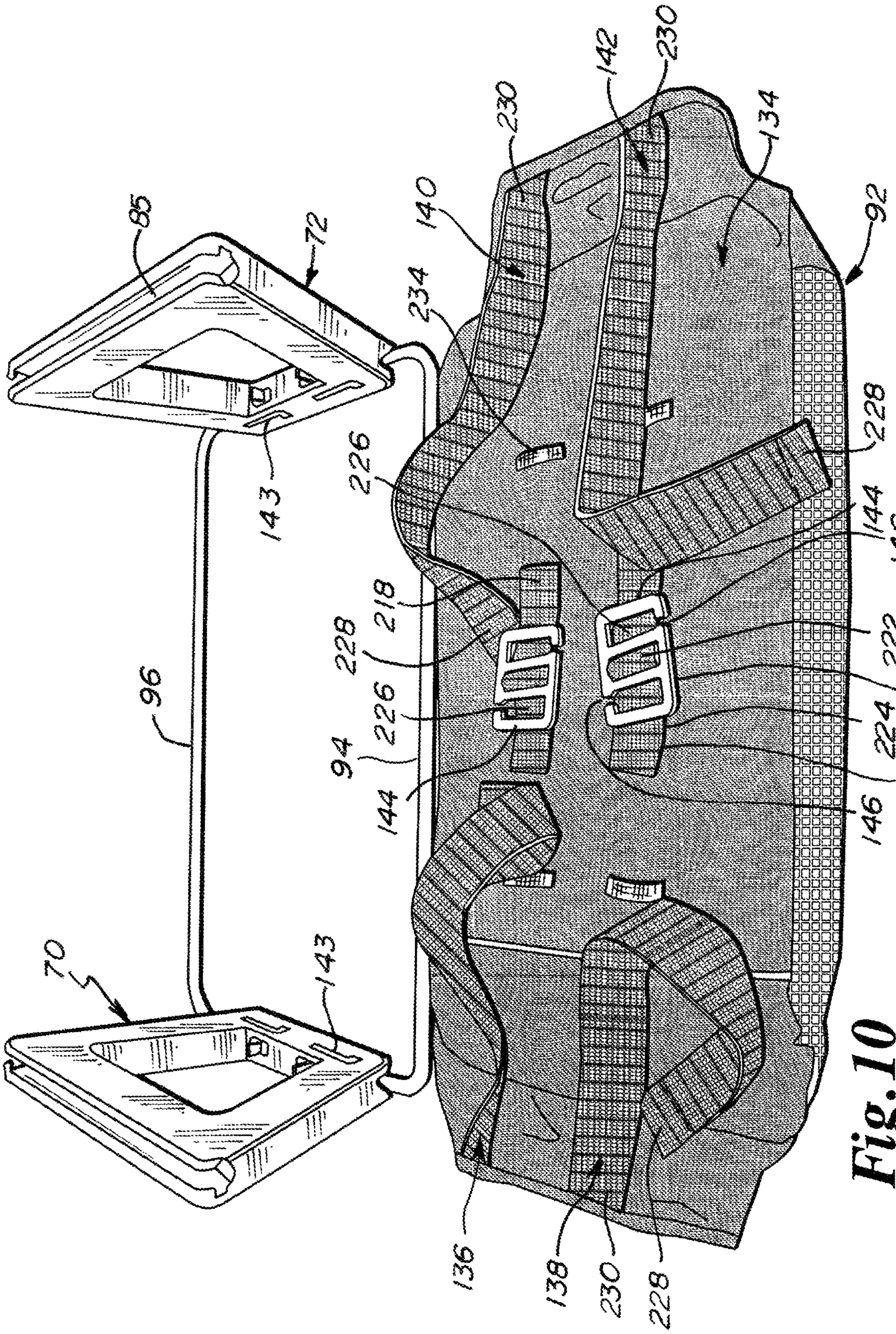
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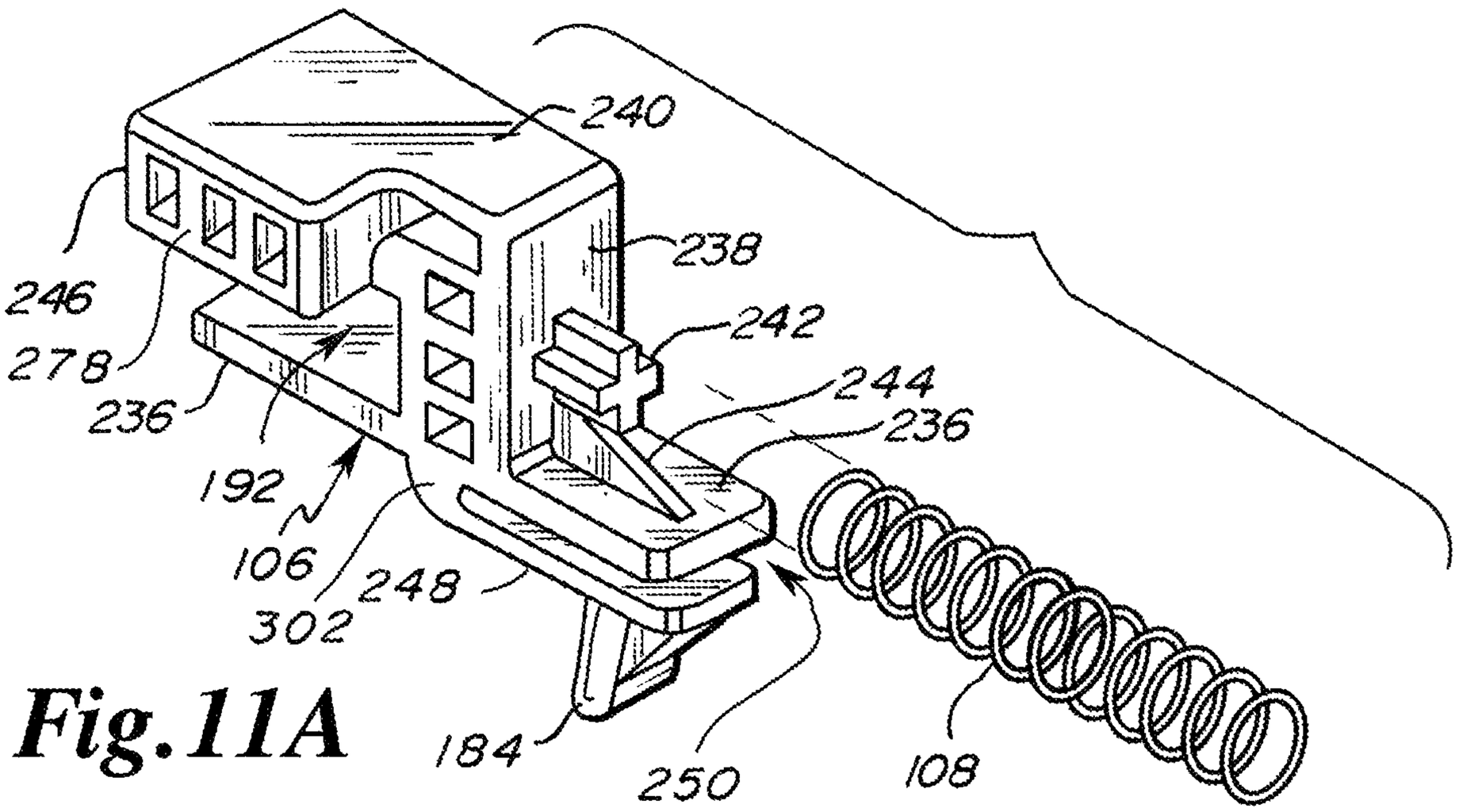

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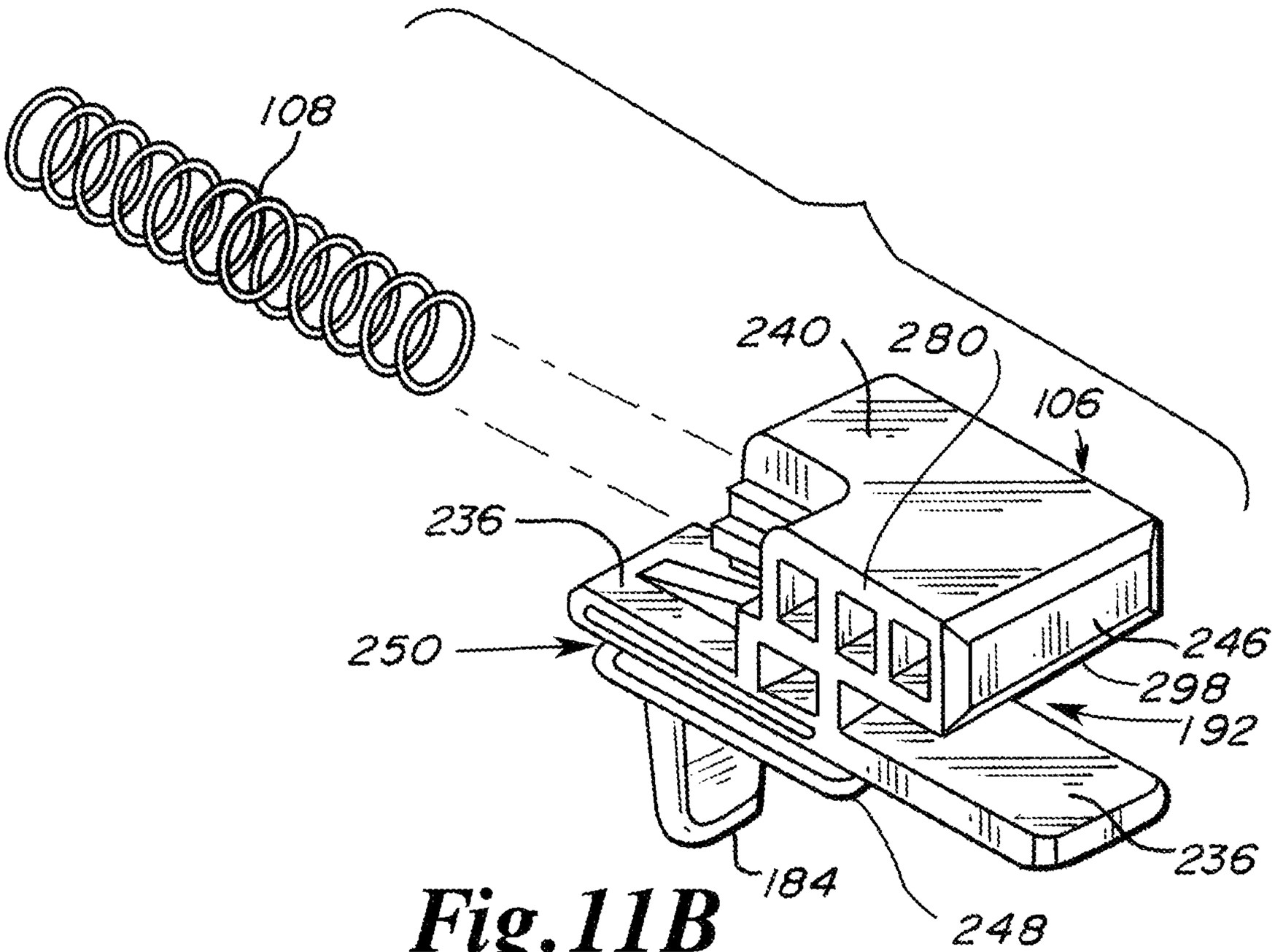

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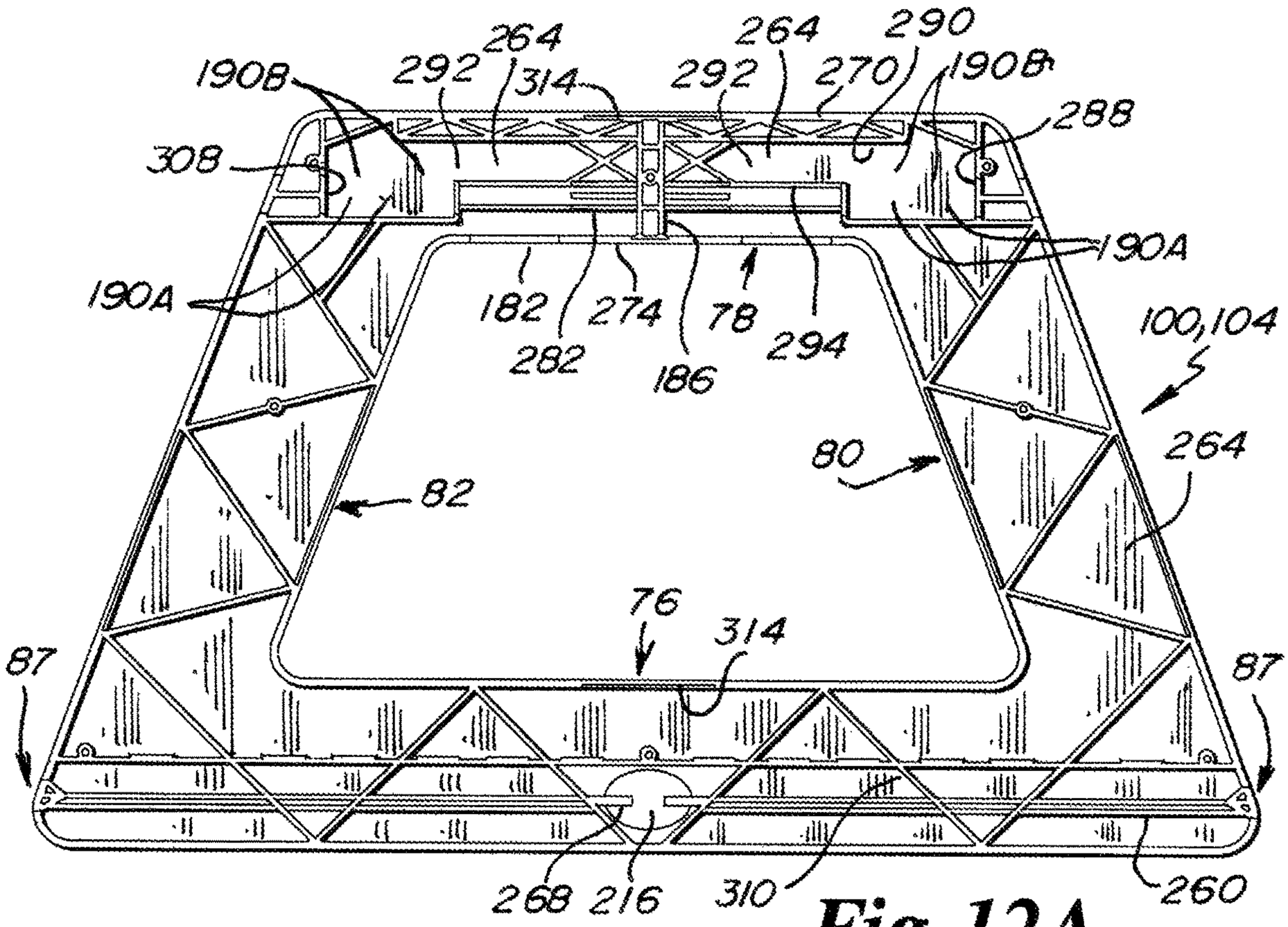

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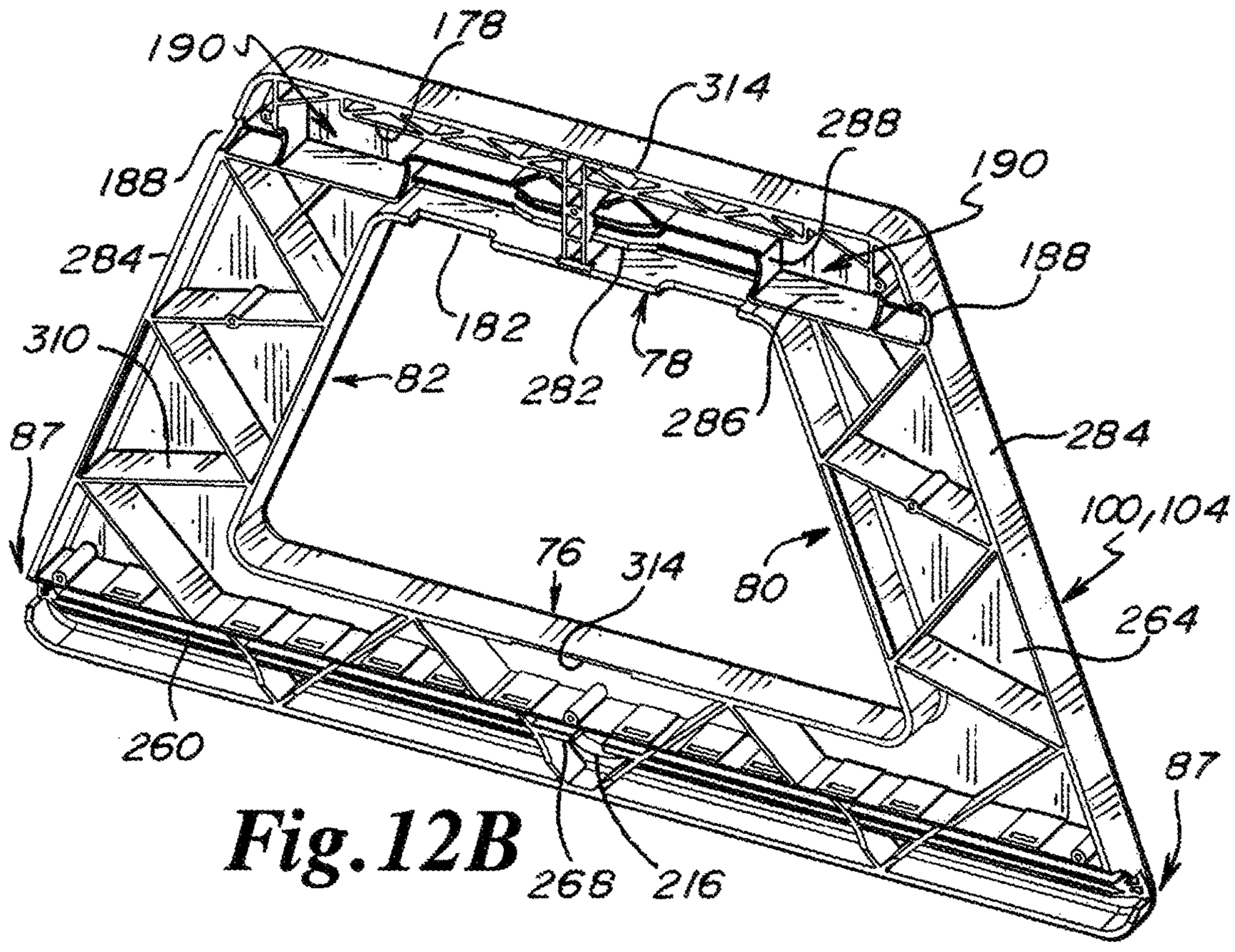

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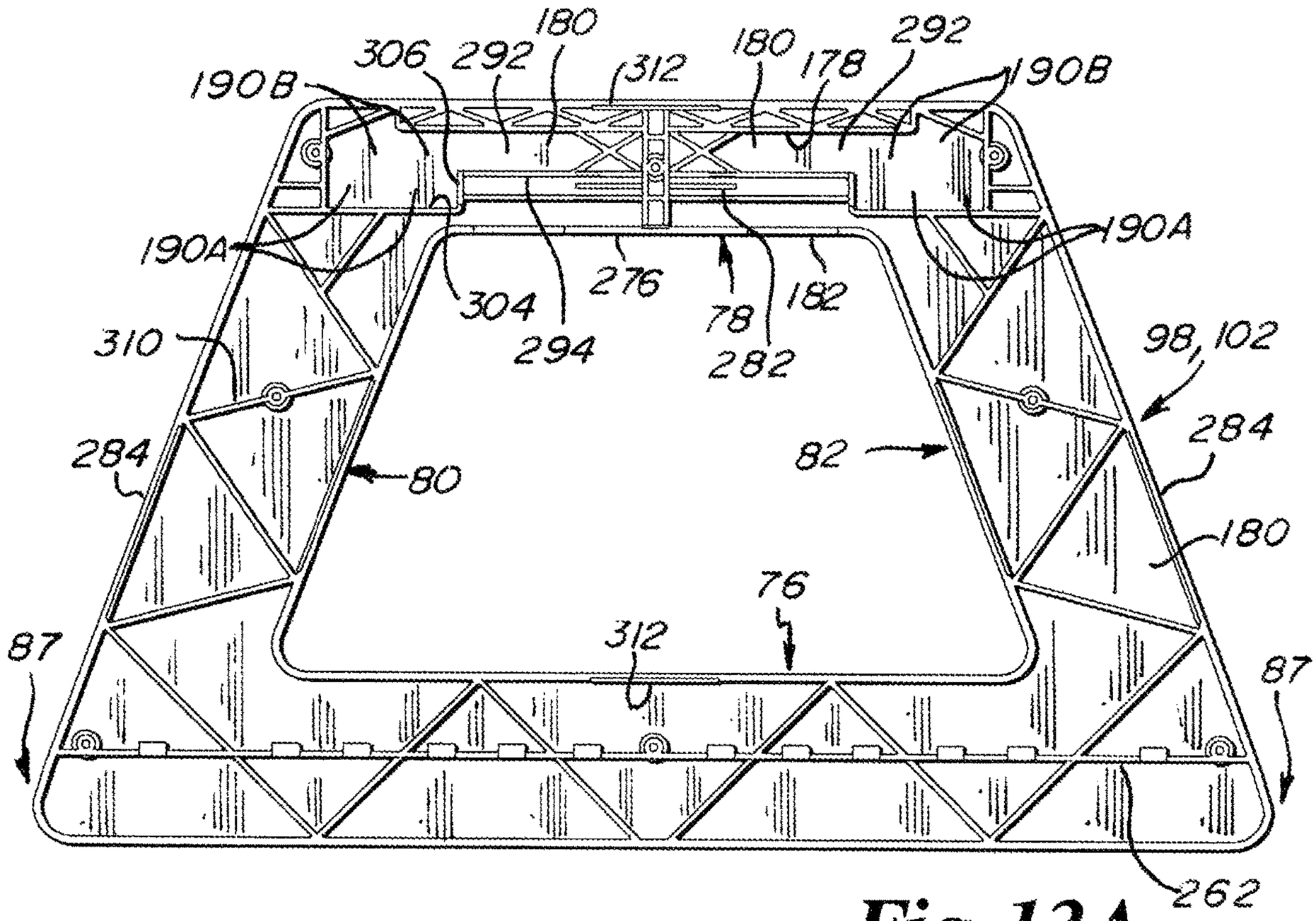

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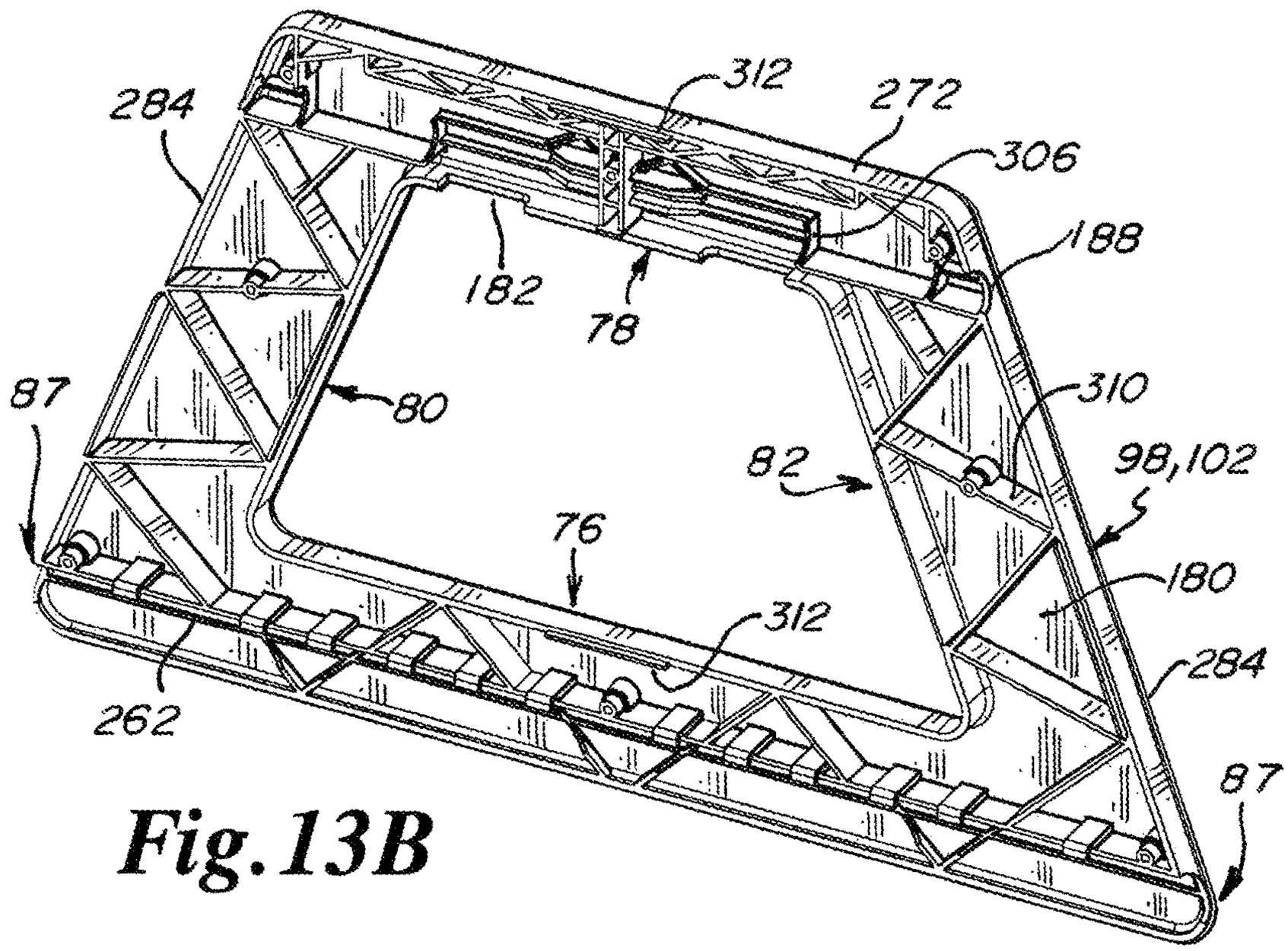

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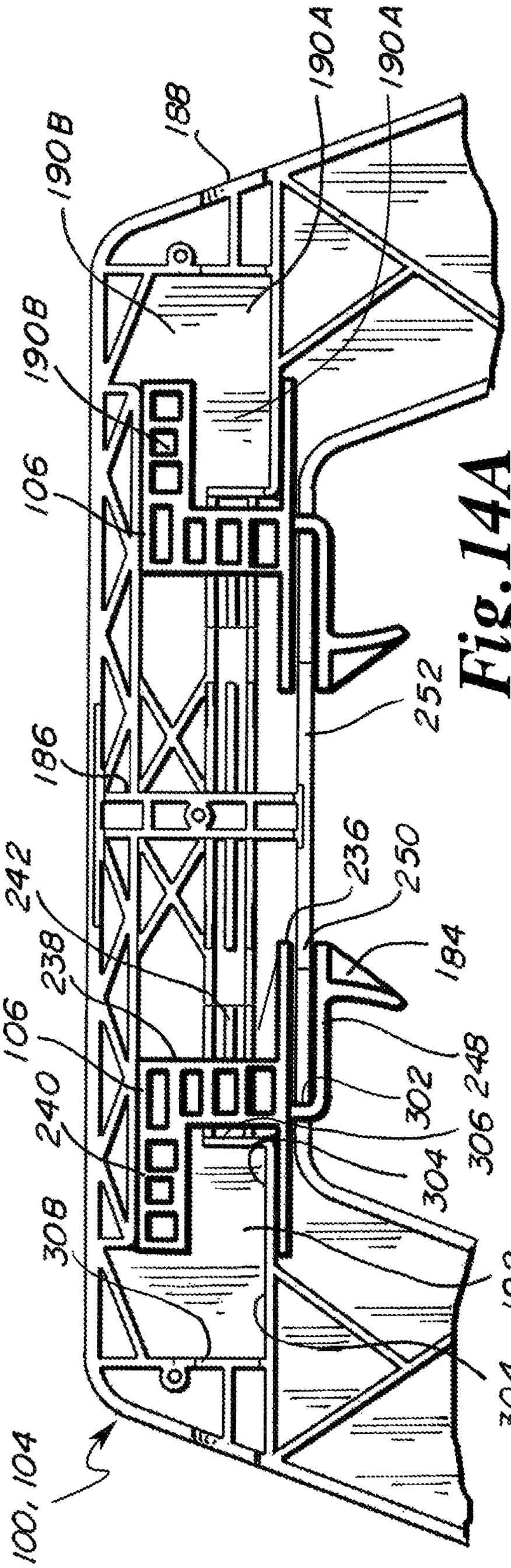

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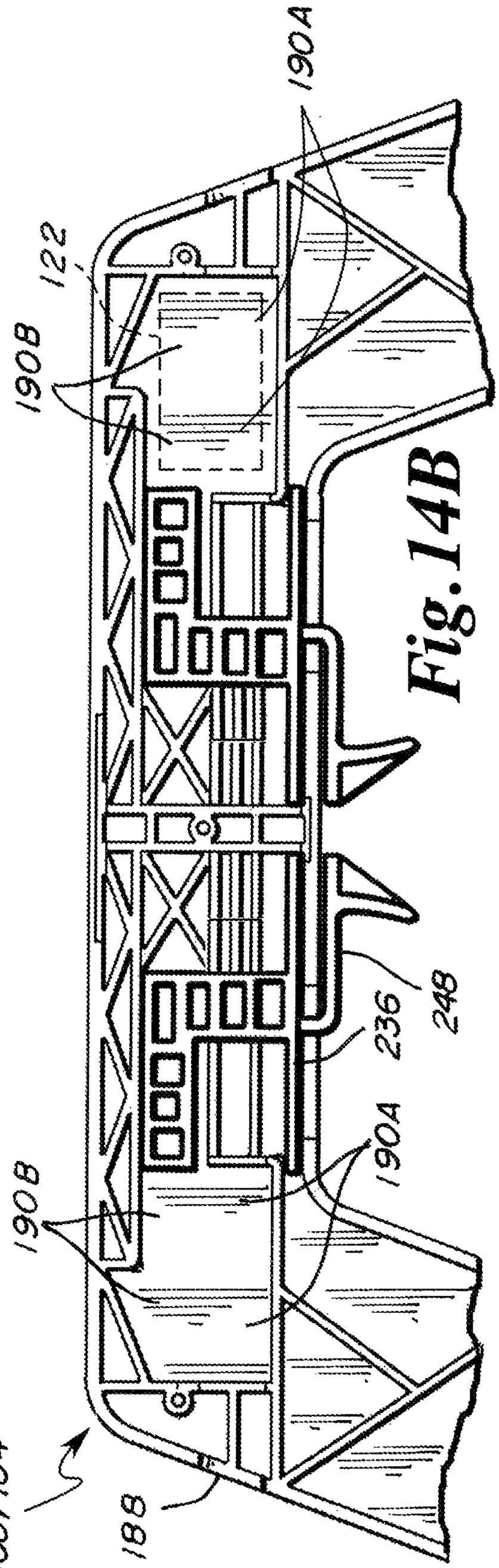

Fig. 14B

BASSINET APPARATUS

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 16/827,693 filed Mar. 23, 2020 (U.S. Pat. No. 11,202,519 issued Dec. 21, 2021) and claims the benefit thereof under 35 U.S.C. § 120, which application is hereby incorporated by reference its entirety into this application.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention generally relates to a bassinet, particularly to a bassinet depending from bassinet support members, and specifically to a bassinet having side support members that pivotally engage the bassinet support members.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

A bassinet is a place for an infant or baby to sleep or rest. A classic bassinet may be a wicker cradle with a hood. A wicker cradle is a cradle made of pliable twigs, such as willow, that are plaited or woven to make the cradle. The wicker cradle is light and thus portable, permitting the caregiver to keep a sleeping space for the baby close at hand as the caregiver goes from room to room, floor to floor, and from inside the house to the front yard or backyard. At night, the wicker cradle may be placed next to the caretaker's bed.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A feature of the present invention is a bassinet apparatus.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of a base that includes first and second elongate support members spaced apart from each other, parallel to each other, and fixed relative to each other.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of first and second side support members, where the first side support member is slideable onto the first elongate support member, and where the second side support member is slideable onto the second elongate support member.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of a first bassinet support member extending from the first side support member to the second side support member and of a second bassinet support member extending from the first side support member to the second side support member.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of the first side support member being pivotable relative to the first and second bassinet support members and of the second side support member being pivotable relative to the first and second bassinet support members.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of a bassinet receptacle engaged to and depending from the first and second bassinet support members.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of each of the first and second bassinet support members including an intermediate section, where the intermediate section of the first bassinet support member is disposed transversely of the first and second elongate support members, and where the intermediate section of the second bassinet support member is disposed transversely of the first and second elongate support members.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of the first and second elongate support members defining a first plane, where each of the first and second bassinet support members includes an intermediate section, where the intermediate sections of the first and second bassinet support members define a second plane, and where the second plane is disposed above the first plane.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of each of the first and second side support members including a lower portion and an upper portion, where the first and second elongate support members engage the lower portion, and where the first and second bassinet support members engage the upper portion.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of the first side support member being lockable on the first elongate support member to be rigid relative to the first elongate support member and of the second side support member being lockable on the second elongate support member to be rigid relative to the second elongate support member.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of each of the first and second side support members being lockable and unlockable from a pivoting position with the first and second bassinet support members such that the first and second side support members may assume a rigid position relative to the first and second bassinet support members.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of the bassinet receptacle including at least one of a flexible side and flexible end.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of intermediate sections of the first and second bassinet support members defining a first plane, where each of the first and second side support members define a second plane, where each of the first and second side support members are lockable to the first and second bassinet support members, and where the first and second planes are oblique to each other when the first and second side support members are locked to the first and second bassinet support members.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of at least one flexible strap portion engaged between the first side support member and the bassinet receptacle and of at least one flexible strap portion engaged between the second side support member and the bassinet receptacle.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of each of the first and second bassinet support members including an intermediate section, where the intermediate sections oppose each other in a first direction, where each of the first and second side support members includes a width extending in the first direction, where such width may be slightly less than the first distance such that when the first and second side support members are pivoted the first and second side support members are pivotable so as to fit between the intermediate sections, where such width may be generally equal to such first distance, or where such width may be at least slightly more than such distance such that the when the first and second side support members are pivoted the first and second side support members may abut or hit the intermediate sections instead of pivot between them such that the intermediate sections work as a stop against the first and second side support members pivoting through the plane defined by the intermediate sections.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of the first bassinet support member including opposite end portions that are spaced apart by a first distance, where the second bassinet support member includes opposite end portions that are spaced apart by said first distance, where the opposite end portions engage sides of the side support members, and where inner ends of the side support members are spaced from each other and adjacent to each other when in an unlocked position and pivoted to an innermost position.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of a flexible strap having proximal and distal ends, where the proximal end of the flexible strap is engaged to the base, and of a distal end counter member engaged to the distal end of the flexible strap, where the distal end counter member includes first and second pieces extending at a right angle relative to each other and being rigid relative to each other.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of at least one proximal end counter member on the base, where the proximal end counter member includes a rigid piece pivotable between horizontal and vertical positions.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of the base including a) at least one leg depending from the first elongate support member and at least one leg depending from the second elongate support member; and b) at least one traversing support member engaged between the legs that holds the legs in a spaced apart relation such that the first and second elongate support members are held in a spaced apart relation.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of the base being a rocking base.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of the first elongate support member including a length greater than a length of the first side support member such that ends of the first elongate support member extend beyond sides of the first side support member, and of the second elongate support member including a length greater than a length of the second side support member such that ends of the second elongate support member extend beyond sides of the second side support member.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of each of the first and second side support members including a piece having an outer perimeter and an opening, where the opening is a through opening, where the opening is defined by an inner edge, where the outer perimeter is spaced from the inner edge, and where the outer perimeter and inner edge have an identical shape.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of each of the outer perimeter and inner edge defining a trapezoidal shape.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of each of the first and second side support members including a piece having an outer perimeter, where the outer perimeter defines a trapezoidal shape.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of a bassinet receptacle having first and second opposing sides, first and second opposing ends, and a floor, where a direction running from the first opposing side to the second opposing side defines a first direction.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of first and second bassinet support members, where the first and second bassinet support members engage the bassinet receptacle, and where the bassinet receptacle depends from the first and second bassinet support members.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of first and second side support members, where the first side support member is pivotally engaged to each of the first and second bassinet support members such that the first side support member pivots about an axis parallel to the first direction, where the second side support member is pivotally engaged to each of the first and second bassinet support members such that the second side support member pivots about an axis parallel to the first direction.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of a first flexible strap portion engaged between the first side support member and the bassinet and a second flexible strap portion engaged between the second side support member and the bassinet.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of a base including a) first and second elongate support members spaced apart from each other and parallel to each other, b) the first side support member slideably engaging the first elongate support member and the second side support member slideably engaging the second elongate support member, c) the first elongate support member including a length greater than a length of the first side support member such that ends of the first elongate support member extend beyond sides of the first side support member, and the second elongate support member including a length greater than a length of the second side support member such that ends of the second elongate support member extend beyond sides of the second side support member, and d) the base having a first location and a second location, the base being adjustable such that a distance between the first and second location is adjustable.

Another feature of the present invention is the provision in a bassinet apparatus, of a base including a) first and second elongate support members spaced apart from each other and parallel to each other, b) the first side support member slideably engaging the first elongate support member and the second side support member slideably engaging the second elongate support member, c) the first elongate support member including a length greater than a length of the first side support member such that ends of the first elongate support member extend beyond sides of the first side support member, and the second elongate support member including a length greater than a length of the second side support member such that ends of the second elongate support member extend beyond sides of the second side support member, d) at least one leg, and e) at least one rocker engaged to the at least one leg.

An advantage of the present invention is that the bassinet apparatus is a safe place for the infant or baby to sleep or rest.

Another advantage of the present invention is that the bassinet apparatus may fold to a flat form for initial shipping, retail shelves, and storage at home.

Another advantage of the present invention is that the bassinet apparatus easily converts from the flat stored form to the upright operating form.

Another advantage of the present invention is that the bassinet apparatus may be slideably engaged onto a first base and then slideably engaged onto a second base.

Another advantage of the present invention is that the bassinet apparatus may be easily slideable on and off the first base.

Another advantage of the present invention is that the bassinet apparatus may be easily slideable on and off the second base.

Another advantage of the present invention is that the first base is conveniently engagable to a bed.

Another advantage of the present invention is that the second base is conveniently portable such that the bassinet apparatus, including the second base, may be easily carried by the caregiver from place to place in the home.

Another advantage of the present invention is that the bassinet apparatus is inexpensive to manufacture.

Another advantage of the present invention is the bassinet apparatus is simple to assemble, operate, and disassemble.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. **1** is a perspective view of a body of the present bassinet apparatus about to be engaged to a base of the present bassinet apparatus, where the base is engaged to a mattress support.

FIG. **2** is a perspective view of the body of the present bassinet apparatus of FIG. **1** engaged to the base of the present bassinet apparatus of FIG. **1** that is in turn engaged to a bed, where the bed includes the mattress support of FIG. **1** and a mattress that is shown in phantom on the mattress support, and where this view shows use of the present bassinet apparatus during, for example, night time hours.

FIG. **3**A is a bottom perspective view of the base of the bassinet apparatus of FIG. **1** folded into a generally flat form in which it may be shipped or stored.

FIG. **3**B is a bottom perspective view of the body of the bassinet apparatus of FIG. **3**A and shows side support members having been folded out and locked from a generally flat form of the body of the bassinet apparatus of FIG. **3**A.

FIG. **4**A is a top perspective view of the body of the bassinet apparatus of FIG. **3**B in the folded out and locked form of FIG. **3**B.

FIG. **4**B shows a bottom perspective view of the body of the bassinet apparatus of FIG. **4**A and shows a soft portion of the body of the bassinet apparatus being disengaged from a hard portion of the body of the bassinet apparatus.

FIG. **5**A is a perspective partial view of the body of the bassinet apparatus of FIG. **1**, and schematically shows a locking arrangement of a side support member relative to first and second bassinet support members, where the side support member is locked relative to the first and second bassinet support members.

FIG. **5**B is a perspective partial view of the body of the bassinet apparatus of FIG. **1**, and schematically shows the locking arrangement of FIG. **5**A in an unlocked position such that the side support member can pivot relative to the first and second bassinet support members.

FIG. **5**C is a side elevation view of the body of the bassinet apparatus of FIG. **1** and shows an alternate embodiment of the base, where the base is a rocker base.

FIG. **6**A is a top, partially cut way and partially section view of the body and base of the bassinet apparatus of FIG. **2**, and shows a locking arrangement of the base relative to first and second side support members of the body of the bassinet apparatus.

FIG. **6**B is a section view of the locking arrangement of FIG. **6**A between the base and first and second side support members of the body of the bassinet apparatus, and shows the locking arrangement locked such that the base and first and second side support members are fixed relative to each other.

FIG. **6**C is a section view of the locking arrangement of FIG. **6**A between the base and first and second side support members of the body of bassinet apparatus, and shows the locking arrangement unlocked such that the side support members can slide relative to first and second elongate support members of the base.

FIG. **7**A is a perspective, broken apart view of the rocker base of FIG. **5**C.

FIG. **7**B is a partially phantom and perspective view of the body of the bassinet apparatus of FIG. **1** being engaged to the rocker base of FIG. **7**A.

FIG. **8** is an exploded perspective view of the body of the bassinet apparatus of FIG. **1**.

FIG. **9** is a perspective view of the base of the bassinet apparatus of FIG. **1**, where portions of the base are slid into the bed between the mattress and the mattress support when the body of the bassinet apparatus is not being used, such as during the day, which is in contrast to FIG. **2** that shows use, for example, at night.

FIG. **10** is a perspective view of the bassinet receptacle of the bassinet apparatus disengaged from the frame of the bassinet apparatus of FIG. **1**, where the underside of the bassinet receptacle is shown and where side support members of the frame are locked to the bassinet support members of the frame.

FIG. **11**A is a perspective view of a trigger block and coil spring of the exploded view of FIG. **8**.

FIG. **11**B is a second perspective view of the trigger block and coil spring of FIG. **11**A and shows the other side of the trigger block of FIG. **11**A.

FIG. **12**A shows an elevation side interior view of the outer half portion of the housing of a side support member of the body of the bassinet apparatus of FIG. **1**.

FIG. **12**B shows a perspective side interior view of the outer half portion of the housing of the side support member of FIG. **12**A.

FIG. **13**A shows an elevation side interior view of the inner half portion of the housing of the side support member of FIG. **12**A.

FIG. **13**B shows a perspective side interior view of the inner half portion of the housing of FIG. **13**A.

FIG. **14**A shows a detail side elevation view of the trigger and lock mechanism of FIG. **5**A with the triggers drawn apart and without the coil springs for clarity.

FIG. **14**B shows the detail side elevation view of the trigger and lock mechanism of FIG. **5**B with the triggers drawn together and without the coil springs for clarity.

DESCRIPTION

As shown in FIG. **1**, the present bassinet apparatus **10** includes a body **12** and a base **14**. The base **14** includes first and second elongate support members **16**, **18**, first and second legs **20**, **22**, a leg cross support member **24**, and an elongate support cross support member **26**. The base **14** further includes first and second flexible and adjustable straps **28**, **30** and first and second distal counter members **32**, **34**. Mattress support **36** includes an upper surface **38**, a head end **40**, a proximal side **42**, and a distal side **44**.

Each of the elongate support members **16**, **18** is a metal tube. Each of the elongate support members **16**, **18** includes a proximal end **46**, a distal end **48**, and a first spring biased button **212** extending from an outer side opening intermediate the proximal and distal ends **46**, **48**. Elongate support members **16**, **18** run parallel to each other and define a plane. Each of the distal ends **48** of the elongate support members **16**, **18** engages a proximal end **52** of one of the flexible

straps **28**, **30** in a nonadjustable manner. Each of the flexible straps **28**, **30** includes adjustment buckles such that the length of each of the flexible straps **28** is adjustable to another length and then fixable at such second length. Each of the counter members **32**, **34** includes a vertical piece **54** that confronts distal side **44** of mattress support **36** and that further confronts distal side **55** of a mattress **56** that is shown in FIG. **2**. Each of the counter members **32**, **34** further includes a horizontal piece **58** that is engaged to a distal end **60** of each of the flexible straps **28**, **30**. Horizontal piece or portion **58** is disposed at a right angle relative to vertical piece or portion **54** of the counter members **32**, **34**. Horizontal piece **58** is disposed between the upper surface of the mattress support **36** and the lower surface of the mattress **56**.

Upper cross member **26** is engaged to and between the elongate support members **16**, **18**. Upper cross member **26** is coplanar with the elongate support members **16**, **18** and is further coplanar with the proximal side **42** of mattress support **36**. Upper cross member **26** includes a pair of pivoting proximal counter members or pieces **62** that are pivotally engaged to the upper cross member **26**. When vertically disposed, a lower portion of proximal counter member **62** confronts proximal side **42** of mattress support **36**. When vertically disposed, an upper portion of proximal counter member **62** confronts proximal side **64** of mattress **56**. Proximal counter members **62** on the one hand and distal counter members **32**, **34** on the other hand hug each of the mattress support **36** and mattress **56** therebetween, thereby fixing the base **14** at one location.

As shown in FIGS. **1** and **6**A, upper cross member **26** includes two straight half portions or tubes **63**. The inner ends of these half portions **63** of the upper cross member **26** may slidingly engage each other. One inner end telescopes within the other inner end. Such inner ends may engage each other by a quick connect **65** shown in FIG. **6**A. The quick connection **65** may include a spring biased button extending from an opening in one inner end to and through an opening in the other inner end. Depression of such button permits such inner ends to disengage from each other such that straight half portions **63** can be engaged and disengaged from each other. The outer end of one straight half portion **63** is welded to elongate support member **16**. The outer end of the other straight half portion **63** is welded to elongate support member **16**. Elongate support member **16** and its straight half portion **63** form a T-shape. This T-shaped piece is one-piece and integral. Elongate support member **18** and its straight half portion **63** form a T-shape. This T-shaped piece is one-piece and integral.

Legs **20**, **22** are telescoping legs that are adjustable in height. Each of the legs **20**, **22** includes a lower leg portion **66** and an upper leg portion **68**. A spring biased button in the upper leg portion **68** is biased outwardly through an opening in the upper leg portion **68** to engage one of a set of lower leg openings formed in the lower leg portion **66**. Depressing such button to be out of engagement with the lower leg portion **66** permits the lower leg portion **66** to slide relative to the upper leg portion **68** such that the legs **20**, **22** are adjustable in height.

FIG. **1** shows that to prevent scratching during assembly or use a) each of the elongate support members **16**, **18** has a proximal end **46** with a spherical or rounded plastic cap or visual indicator, which visual indicators let the user know that the side support members **70**, **72** are in position, which position is when button **110** or visual and audio indicator **110** has popped out under pressure from button **212**, b) the bottom ends of lower leg portions **66** have ends with spherical or rounded plastic caps that rest upon the floor when the base **14** is in use, and c) lower leg portions **66** have cylindrical end caps having openings to receive upper leg portions **68**, where such cylindrical end caps have an annular end portion with an inside diameter equal to the inside diameter of lower leg portion **66** such that the upper terminal annular edge of lower leg portion **66** is covered with such annular end portion of such cylindrical end cap, and where the reminder of such cylindrical end cap has an inside diameter equal to the outside diameter of the lower leg portion **66**.

Lower cross member **24** is engaged to and between upper leg portions **68** and is disposed in a plane defined by the legs **20**, **22**. The outer ends of lower cross member **24** are preferably rigidly and permanently engaged, such as by welding, to upper leg portions **68**. The inner ends of lower cross member **24** may be readily engaged and disengaged from each other by a quick connection such as quick connect **65** between half portions **63**. For example, the inner end of the portion of the lower cross member **24** welded to leg **20** may slidingly engage the inner end of the portion of the lower cross member **24** welded to leg **22**. Such inner ends may engage each other by a spring biased button extending from an opening in one inner end to and through an opening in the other inner end. Depression of such button permits such inner ends to disengage from each other. One half portion of lower cross member **24** and upper leg portion **68** of leg **20** form a T-shape. This T-shape piece is one-piece and integral. The other half portion of lower cross member **24** and upper leg portion **68** of leg **22** form a T-shape. This T-shape portion is one-piece and integral.

One of the upper leg portions **68** is engaged to the proximal end **46** of elongate support member **16** by a downwardly extending tubular portion extending downwardly from proximal end **46** of elongate support member **16**. The other of the upper leg portions **68** is engaged to proximal end **46** of elongate support member **18** by a downwardly extending tubular portion extending downwardly from proximal end **46** of elongate support member **18**. In each of such downwardly extending tubular portions a spring biased button **69** resides that extends through a button opening in such downwardly extending tubular portion. From such button opening, the spring biased button **69** engages a button opening in the upper leg portion **68** such that the upper leg portions **68** can be engaged and disengaged from the elongate support members **16**, **18**. The downwardly extending tubular portions extend into upper open ends of the upper leg portions **68**. This connection between the elongate support members **16**, **18** and the upper leg portions **68** may be referred to as a quick connection.

Body **12** of bassinet apparatus **10** includes first and second side support members **70**, **72**. Each of the first and second side support members **70**, **72** includes a trapezoidal shape. An outer perimeter **74** of each of the side support members **70**, **72** is trapezoidal in shape. An inner perimeter **75** of each of the side support members **70**, **72** is trapezoidal in shape. Each of the first and second side support members **70**, **72** includes a bottom housing portion **76**, a top housing portion **78**, a first side housing portion **80**, and a second side housing portion **82**. Bottom and top housing portions **76**, **78** run parallel to each other. Side housing portions **80**, **82** are oblique relative to the bottom and top housing portions **76**, **78**. In combination, the bottom, top, first side, and second side housing portions **76**, **78**, **80**, **82** form a trapezoidal shape. Top housing portion **78** may be utilized as a handle for carrying the bassinet body **12**. The housing portions **76**, **78**, **80**, and **82** may have different lengths but the housing portions **76**, **78**, **80**, and **82** have generally the same width or

the same circumference, which circumference is rectangular or square. Each of the first and second side support members **70**, **72** includes first and second half members or housing portions also having this outer perimeter **74**, where this outer perimeter defines a trapezoidal shape with each of the first and second half members or housing portions. If desired, the outer and/or inner perimeters **74**, **75** may define a different shape, such as a rectangular shape having unequal adjacent sides, a square shape, a circular shape, a triangular shape, a pentagonal shape, a hexagonal shape, a shape having three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine or ten or more sides, or an irregular shape. The first and second side support members **70**, **72** may or may not have an opening and thus may or may not have an inner perimeter.

The bottom housing portion **76** includes a receptor **84** that is open on both ends and that receives one of the elongate support members **16**, **18**. Receptor **84** includes an open bottom slot **85** that slidingly receives one of the upper leg portions **68** as the side support member **70** or **72** is slid onto the elongate support member **16** or **18**, as shown in FIG. **2**. Receptor **84** extends from end to end of the bottom housing portion **76**. Each of the end openings **87** of receptor **84** is keyhole shaped, as shown in FIG. **4**A, so as to permit passage of the first button **212**. After button **212** is allowed in by opening **87**, button **212** is depressed by a track **260**, shown in FIG. **12**A, so as to compress spring **210** until the first button **212** pops out audibly into the T-shaped opening **216** and pushes out the second button **110**. The rectangular portion of the opening **87** for button **212** is formed on the side of the bottom housing portion **76** where second button **110** is disposed.

FIG. **2** further shows that the side support members **70**, **72** are slid fully onto the elongate support members **16**, **18** until the proximal ends **46** of the elongate support members **16**, **18** have been slid beyond the ends of bottom housing portions **76**.

FIG. **2** further shows mattress **56**. Mattress **56** includes distal side **55**, proximal side **64**, a head end **86**, a lower surface **88**, and a sleeping surface **90**. The mattress **56** is shown in phantom. The lower surface **88** of mattress **56** confronts the upper surface **38** of the mattress support **36**. Elongate support members **16** and **18** are sandwiched between the upper surface **38** of the mattress support **36** and the lower surface **88** of the mattress **56**. Vertical portion **54** of counter members **32**, **34** confront the distal side **55** of mattress **56** and the distal side **44** of mattress support **36**. Vertical portions of proximal counter members **62** confront the proximal side **42** of the mattress support **36** and the proximal side **64** of the mattress **56**.

With the proximal and distal counter members **62**, **32**, **34** engaged to the mattress support **36** and mattress **56**, lateral movement of base **14** to and from the bed or mattress support **36** and mattress **56** is minimized. Longitudinal movement of the base **14** relative to the bed is also minimized because the flexibility of the straps **28**, **30** prevents the distal counter members **32**, **34** from moving in unison with any longitudinal movement applied to the base **14**. Hence, an attempted movement of the base **14** to the head ends **40**, **86** of the mattress support **36** and mattress **56** tightens rather than loosens strap **28** since the length of the elongate support member **16** and strap **28** stays the same but the attempted path of elongate support member **16** and strap **28** is greater: the attempted path defines the hypotenuse of a right triangle, where the proximal sides **42**, **64** define one side of the right triangle and the original position of the elongate support member **16** and strap **28** defines the other side of the right triangle. Base **14** is thereby fixed in place and the body **12** is also fixed in place on the elongate support members **16**, **18** through a locking arrangement disposed in the bottom housing portion **76** such that the base **14** is fixed in place immediately by the bed where one or more caregivers sleep.

FIG. **8** is an exploded perspective view of the base **14**. Base **14** includes a flexible bassinet soft receptacle **92**, first and second bassinet support members **94**, **96**, inner housing portion **98** of first side support member **70**, outer housing portion **100** of first side support member **70**, inner housing portion **102** of second side support member **72**, outer housing portion **104** of second side support member **72**, trigger blocks or pieces **106**, coil springs **108**, push buttons **110**, pin connectors **112** for engaging housing portions **98**, **100** together and for engaging housing portions **102**, **104** together, and buckles **114**.

Each of the first and second bassinet support members **94**, **96** may be tubular if desired. Each of the first and second bassinet support members **94**, **96** may be a rod and solid in section if desired.

Each of the first and second bassinet support members **94**, **96** includes a pair of end portions **116** and a straight intermediate portion **118** between the end portions **116**. The straight intermediate portion **118** extends at both ends into a curved corner portion **120** that in turn extends into one end portion **116**.

Each of the end portions **116** includes an integral U-shaped portion **122** that extends outwardly. The opening of the U-shaped portion **122** opens toward its adjacent corner portion **120**. The closed part of the U-shaped portion **122** is adjacent to a terminal end **124**. When the end portion **116** is nested in the top housing portion **78**, the integral U-shaped portion **122** extends toward outer portion **100** or outer portion **104**. The integral U-shaped portion **122** includes an end **123** or face **123**. End **124** of bassinet support members **94**, **96** extends slightly beyond end or face **123**.

End portions **116** on the first bassinet support member **94** run parallel to each other and at a right angle to the intermediate portion **118** on such support member **94**. End portions **116** on the second bassinet support member **96** run parallel to each other and at a right angle to the intermediate portion **118** on such support member **96**.

Bassinet receptacle **92** is receptacle shaped. Bassinet receptacle **92** includes a first flexible side **126**, a second flexible side **128**, a first flexible end **130**, a second flexible end **132**, and a floor **134** that includes flexible components and a hard component or board **162**. Floor **134** is shown in FIG. **7**B. Without hard component or board or peg board **162**, bassinet receptacle **92** as a whole is flexible. First side **126** is engaged to ends **130**, **132**, and floor **134**. Second side **128** is engaged to ends **130**, **132**, and floor **134**. First end **130** is engaged to sides **126**, **128**, and floor **134**. Second end **132** is engaged to sides **126**, **128**, and floor **134**. Floor **134** is engaged to sides **126**, **128** and ends **130**, **132**. Each of the first and second sides **126**, **128** include a rectangular flexible piece of mesh **135** engaged therein. The bottom edge of mesh window **135** is disposed generally at the junction of the floor **134** and each respective side **126**, **128**. The top of the mesh window **135** is spaced from and spaced below the quick connect mechanism **156** engaged to each respective side **126**, **128**. The ends of the mesh window **135** are spaced from the ends **130**, **132**. Bassinet receptacle **92** further includes a resilient or soft or foam rectangular piece **133** of bedding that is engaged to the top of the upper surface of floor **134** and extends to be adjacent to sides **126**, **128** and ends **130**, **132**. The lower surface of bedding piece **133** includes quick connect strips **137** and the upper surface of floor **134** includes quick connect strips **139** that engage

quick connect strips **137** to engage the floor **134** and bedding piece **133**. Such quick connect strips **137**, **139** may be Velcro® strips having macroscopic hooks and loops.

Bassinet receptacle **92** includes a set of four flexible straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142**. Proximal ends of the straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** engage top edges of ends **130**, **132** of the bassinet receptacle **92**, then pass freely through a loop defined by a respective U-shaped bar **143** integrally engaged on the inside face of the top housing portions **78** of first and second side support members **70**, **72**, then continue freely down the outside faces of the ends **130**, **132**, then turn freely to the outside face of the floor **134** of the bassinet receptacle **92**, then pass freely through loops formed by flexible strips **234**, and then engage clips **144** of buckles **113** with distal loop ends **228**. Distal loop ends **228** of the straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** engage buckles **114** underneath floor **134** such that strap **136** engages one of the buckles **114** that in turn engages strap **140** and such that strap **138** engages the other of the buckles **114** that in turn engages strap **142**. Straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** thereby support the floor **134** of the bassinet receptacle **92**, with the ends **130**, **132** contributing to supporting the floor **134**, and with the sides **126**, **128** contributing to supporting the floor **134**.

Each of the buckles **114** is S-shaped. Each of the buckles **114** includes a resilient clip **144** at each end. A clip **144** on one end has an opening **146** that is opposite of the opening **146** of the clip **144** on the other end. The distal loop end **228** of one of the straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** is slid through opening **146** and then is engaged by the clip **144**. Opening **146** is disposed at the end of the resilient clip **144** and confronts the body of buckle **114**. The clip **144** resiliently gives and bends in a vertical fashion when body **12** is in an operative position to aid the distal loop end **228** being slid in or out of buckle **114**. Clip **144** is rigid against pulling by distal loop end **228** when distal loop end **228** is pulled in an outer horizontal direction. Buckle **114** is a quick connect buckle. Proximal ends **230** of straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** are permanently engaged, such as by stitching, to the top end edges **232** of end walls **130**, **132**.

FIGS. **3**A and **3**B in combination show that the first and second side support members **70**, **72** are pivotally engaged to the first and second bassinet support members **94**, **96**. FIG. **3**A shows the first and second side support members **70**, **72** pivoted slightly away from a coplanar form with the first and second bassinet support members **94**, **96**. FIG. **3**B shows the first and second side support members **70**, **72** pivoted to a locked form, as shown by trigger blocks or pieces **106** having been urged apart by the coil springs **108**.

FIG. **3**A shows the compact form. In this form the junction of one of the side housing portions **80**, **82** and the bottom housing portion **76** comes to rest upon side bassinet support member **94** and the junction of the other of the side housing portions **80**, **82** and the bottom housing portion **76** comes to rest upon side bassinet support member **96**. The point of abutment of such junction is between the outer and inner edges of each of the side bassinet support members **94**, **96**. This width between such junctions is desired to prevent the side support members **70**, **72** from being rotated for 360 degrees about the bassinet support member ends **116**. However, if desired, the length of the bottom housing portion **76** can be reduced less than an inch such that housing portions **70**, **72** can pivot to a true planar form with the plane defined by bassinet support members **94**, **96**. In other words, if desired when manufactured, the first and second side support members **70**, **72** define first and second planes, and each of these members **70**, **72** can, when manufactured such that the length of bottom housing portion **76** is reduced less than an inch, pivot into a third plane defined by first and second bassinet support members **94**, **96** such that these first, second, and third planes are coplanar such that body **12** defines a planar form in the compact form.

FIGS. **3**A and **3**B shows that the first and second side support members **70**, **72** have been pivoted away from the planar form. FIG. **3**A shows a slight pivot away from the planar form. FIG. **3**B shows first and second side support members **70**, **72** locked to the first and second bassinet support members **94**, **96**. Longer bottom housing portion **76** of the first and second side support members **70**, **72** may, if desired, have a length less than a distance between the intermediate portions **118** of the first and second bassinet support members **94**, **96**. The bottom housing portion **76** is the longest or widest portion of the first and second side support members **70**, **72**. In the flat and compact form of FIG. **3**A, the bottom housing portions **76** of the first and second side support members **70**, **72** face each other and are adjacent to each other and spaced from each other.

FIG. **3**B shows distal loop ends **228** for each of the flexible strap **136**, **138**, **140**, **142**. The distal loop ends **228** are formed by the terminal end of such strap being stitched back onto itself a short distance from such terminal end.

FIG. **4**A shows a detail view of the body **12** with the bassinet receptacle **92** and first and second side support members **70**, **72** in a locked position relative to the first and second bassinet support members **94**, **96**. The floor **134** of the bassinet receptacle **92** defines a plane that is disposed at a higher elevation than a plane defined by where the undersides of the bottom housing portions **76** of the first and second side support members **70**, **72** meet a surface such as a table, when the bassinet receptacle **92** is empty and is holding no infant or baby. As shown in FIG. **5**C, such undersides of the bottom housing portions **76** may not rest flat upon the surface of a table. When weight, such as a baby, is placed in bassinet receptacle **92** and on floor **134**, the floor **134** may bend or curve or flex and the bottom of the floor **134** may rest slightly upon such a surface, such as the surface of a table. It should be noted that the top faces of the top housing portions **78** are disposed above a plane defined by the first and second bassinet support members **94**, **96**.

As further shown in FIGS. **4**A and **4**B, a pair of first and second side flexible extensions **152**, **154** extend outwardly from first and second receptacle sides **126**, **128** to wrap over first and second bassinet support members **94**, **96**, about first and second bassinet support members **94**, **96**, and downwardly from first and second bassinet support members **94**, **96**, whereupon bottom edges of the first and second side flexible extensions **152**, **154** are engaged by a quick connect **156** to the outer faces of the first and second receptacle sides **126**, **128**. In this case, the quick connect **156** is a zipper mechanism having one set of zipper teeth engaged to a respective bottom edge, or tucked away inside and upwardly from such bottom edge, of one of the first and second side flexible extensions **152**, **154** and another set of zipper teeth engaged to the outer face of such first or second side flexible extension **152** or **154**. Side extension **152** and side **126** in combination form a horizontal passageway or horizontal receptor **158** for first bassinet support member **94**. Side extension **154** and side **128** in combination form a horizontal passageway or horizontal receptor **160** for second bassinet support member **96**. Horizontal receptors **158**, **160** in combination with flexible straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** engage the bassinet receptacle **92** to the first and second bassinet support members **94**, **96** and first and second side support members **70**, **72**. First and second bassinet support members **94**, **96**, the first and second side support members **70**, **72**, and

board or peg board **162** are the frame components or hard components of the body **12** while the bassinet receptacle **92**, including the sides **126**, **128**, ends **130**, **132**, floor **134** (when employed without board **162**), and mesh **135** are the soft components of the body **12**. Board **162** is preferably employed with bassinet receptacle **92**. Each of the quick connections or zippers **156** essentially runs from one end **130** to the other end **132** of bassinet receptacle **92** along the respective side **126**, **128** of the bassinet receptacle **92** that such quick connection or zipper **156** engages. Each of the quick connections or zippers **156** disengages or unzips completely from its respective side **126**, **128** of the bassinet receptacle **92**.

As shown in FIG. **4**B, a hard component of the body **12** is a rigid or hard, rectangular shaped floor portion **162**, such as a peg board, that is engaged in a pocket **164**. Pocket **164** is formed in the floor **134** of the bassinet receptacle **92** by an upper rectangular shaped floor layer **166** and a lower rectangular shaped floor layer **168**. Upper rectangular shaped floor layer **166** is shown in FIG. **7**B. Floor **134** may be one or more of bedding **133**, upper layer **166** of pocket **164**, lower layer **168** of pocket **164**, and hard floor portion **162**. The portions of floor **134** that are engaged to the sides **126**, **128** and ends **130**, **132** are the upper and lower layers **166**, **168**. Pocket **162** has a single opening **170** formed at or near an end junction of the upper and lower layers **166**, **168**. A flap extension **172** extending from one of the layers **166**, **168** includes a strip **174** of quick connect material on the upper or inner surface of the flap extension **172**. The strip **174** of quick connect material engages a strip **176** of quick connect material engaged on the lower or outer surface of the lower layer **168**. Strips **174**, **176** run perpendicular to the direction of the intermediate section **118** of the bassinet support members **94**, **96**. Strips **174**, **176** run generally the length of the opening **170**. Strips **174**, **176** may include a quick connect material such as Velcro®, which includes macroscopic hooks and loops for connection. Opening **170** is accessible from the underside of the bassinet receptacle **92**. Pocket **164** and board **162** are generally the same size to include generally the same width, length, and height. Pocket **164** and board **162** generally extend the width of the floor **134**, i.e., from first side **126** to second side **128** of the bassinet receptacle **92**. Pocket **164** and board **162** generally extend the length of the floor **134**, i.e., from first end **130** to second end **132** of the bassinet receptacle **92**. Board **162** includes a width defined by the direction from bassinet support member **94** to bassinet support member **96**. The width of board **162** is less than the width between intermediate portions **118** of bassinet support members **94**, **96**.

FIGS. **5**A and **5**B show how the bassinet support members **94**, **96** pivot and lock relative to the side support members **70**, **72**. Each of the side support members **70**, **72** includes half portions. Side support member **70** includes the inner trapezoidal half portion **98** and the outer trapezoidal half portion **100**. When secured together with pins **112**, half portions **98**, **100** slidingly engage therein trigger blocks or pieces **106**. Each of the half portions **98**, **100** includes an elongate inner housing portion **178** that slidingly engages trigger blocks **106** from above. The upper face of the bottoms of the top housing portion **78** slidingly engages trigger blocks **106** from below.

Each of the inner half portions **98**, **102** includes an outer wall housing portion **180** that relatively slidingly engages trigger blocks or pieces **106** on one of the sides of the trigger blocks or pieces **106**. Each of the outer half portions **100**, **104** includes an outer wall housing portion **264** that relatively slidingly engages trigger blocks or pieces **106** on the other of the sides of the trigger blocks or pieces **106**.

The bottom of the top housing portion **78** includes a pair of openings **182**, shown in FIG. **3**B, that receive triggers **184** of the trigger blocks **106**. Triggers **184** are one-piece and integral with trigger blocks **106**. An internal vertical wall **186** depends from housing portion **178**. Coil spring **108** is engaged between the internal vertical wall **186** and one of the trigger blocks **106**. The end portions **116** of the bassinet support members **94**, **96** are engaged in the side support members **70**, **72** by side support housing portions such as opening **188**, shown in FIG. **8**. Side support members **70**, **72** include open areas **190** therein for receiving the U-shaped portion **122** of bassinet support member end portion **116** when the trigger blocks **106** are slidingly pulled together and away from the bassinet support member end portions **116**. Trigger block **106** includes an opening or receptor **192** for receiving and engaging the U-shaped portion **122** of the bassinet support member end portions **116**. As shown by FIG. **5**A, when the U-shaped portion **122** is engaged by the receptor **192** of the trigger block **106**, the side support members **70**, **72** are locked relative to the bassinet support members **94**, **96** and, at this point in time, the coil springs **108** are extended or expanded to their greatest length. As shown by FIG. **5**B, when the triggers **184** are squeezed to confront each other, the trigger blocks **106** slide toward each other and the coil springs **108** are retracted or compressed to their shortest length such that the open areas **190** can pivot to receive the U-shaped portions **122**. Side support member **70** or **72** is pivoting and, since open area **190** is part of side support member **70** or **72**, such pivoting brings the open area **190** about the U-shaped portion **122** to where end face **123** of the U-shaped portion **122** lies cross-wise to the end face **246** of the trigger block **106**. In other words, FIG. **5**B shows nothing occupying an upper portion of open area **190**, but such upper portion of open area **190** may be occupied 1) by a portion of the trigger block **106** (when the side support members **70**, **72** are locked to the bassinet support members **94**, **96**, shown in FIG. **5**A), 2) by nothing (an intermediate step shown by FIG. **5**B where the triggers **184** are fully squeezed and the pivoting of the side support members **70**, **72** can be implemented), and 3) by the U-shaped portion **122** (when the side support members **70**, **72** and bassinet support members **94**, **96** are coplanar and where face **123** of the U-shaped portion **122** lies cross-wise to the end face **246** of the trigger block **106**).

FIG. **5**C shows the preferred orientation of the first and second side support members **70**, **72** relative each other. Here each of the first and second side support members **70**, **72** define a plane and the planes lie not parallel to each other but obliquely toward each other.

FIG. **5**C shows the preferred orientation of the first side support member **70** relative to a first plane defined by one or more of bassinet support member **94**, bassinet support member **96**, and bassinet support members **94**, **96** as a whole. Here the first side support member **70** defines a second plane and such second plane is disposed not at a right angle to the first plane but at an oblique angle relative to the first plane.

FIG. **5**C shows the preferred orientation of the second side support member **72** relative to a first plane defined by one or more of bassinet support member **94**, bassinet support member **96**, and bassinet support members **94**, **96** as a whole. Here the second side support member **72** defines a second plane and such second plane is disposed not at a right angle to the first plane but at an oblique angle relative to the first plane.

FIG. **5**C shows the preferred orientation of the first and second side support members **70**, **72** relative to a vertical axis. Here each of the first and second side support members **70**, **72** define a plane and the planes lie not parallel to the vertical axis but obliquely relative to the vertical axis.

FIG. **5**C shows the side support members **70**, **72** in a locked position relative to the bassinet support members **94**, **96**. With the oblique orientation of the side support members **70**, **72**, the side support members **70**, **72** are angled outwardly away from the ends **130**, **132** of the bassinet receptacle **92** such that when the side support members **70**, **72** are set on a surface such as a carpet or table top, tipping of the body **12** is minimized.

FIG. **5**C, along with FIGS. **7**A and **7**B, show a rocker base **194** for the bassinet body **12**. The rocker base **194** includes a pair of leg cross supports **196** spaced apart from each other, parallel to each other, and fixed relative to each other. The leg cross supports **196** are engaged to and between side rocker units **198**. Each of the side rocker units **198** is one-piece and integral. Each of the side rocker units **198** includes an elongate support member **200**, a pair of vertical legs **202**, a rocker **204**, and a pair of cross support receptors or receivers **206**. Elongate support members **200** are spaced apart from each other, parallel to each other, and fixed relative to each other. Rocker **204**, legs **202**, and elongate support member **200** of each unit **198** define a unit plane and the unit planes run parallel to each other. The connection between the end of the elongate support member **196** and receiver **206** is a quick connect, where such quick connect connection includes a spring biased button housed in the receiver **206** and extending through a hole in the receiver **206**. Such spring biased button then engages a hole in the end of the elongate support member **196** such that the elongate support member **196** can engage and disengage from the receiver **206** such that the rocker base **194** can be assembled and disassembled. Receiver **206** is received in the open end of the elongate support member **196**. For the rocker base **194**, there are four quick connects, one at each of the ends of each of the elongate support members **196**. Each of the ends of the elongate support members **200** includes a spherical portion **208** that acts as a guide when the side support members **70**, **72** slide onto the elongate support members **200**. Spherical portion **208** is the first portion of the elongate support member **200** to encounter the end opening of the elongate receptor **84** that is formed in the bottom housing portion **76** of the side support members **70**, **72**. Receptor **84** includes an open bottom slot **85** that slidingly receives the legs **202** of the side rocker units **198** as the side support member **70** or **72** is slid onto the elongate support member **200**, as shown in FIG. **7**B.

FIG. **7**B further shows that the side support members **70**, **72** are slid fully onto the elongate support members **70**, **72** until the spherical portions or proximal ends **208** of the elongate support members **200** have been slid beyond the ends of bottom housing portions **76**. At rest, each of the ends of the elongate support members **70**, **72** are disposed slightly beyond the ends of the bottom housing portions **76** and each of the ends have spherical end caps that work as visual indicators such that the user knows that the body **12** is properly engaged. The audio snapping out of button **212** and the visual and audio snapping out of button **110** also work as signals to the user that the body **12** is properly engaged.

FIG. **7**A show that, to prevent scratching during assembly or use, a) rocker **204** has ends with spherical or rounded plastic caps, b) elongate support members **200** have ends with spherical or rounded plastic caps, and c) cross support members **196** have cylindrical end caps having openings to receive receivers **206**, where such cylindrical end caps have an annular end portion with an inside diameter equal to the inside diameter of cross support **196** such that the terminal annular edge of cross support **196** is covered with such annular end portion of such cylindrical end cap, and where the reminder of such cylindrical end cap has an inside diameter equal to the outside diameter of the cross support **196**. Such end caps do not cover up the button holes for the spring based button.

FIGS. **6**A, **6**B, and **6**C show how the side support members **70**, **72** lock to the elongate support members **16**, **18** of base **14** or to the elongate support members **200** of rocker base **194**. Each of the elongate support members **16**, **18**, and **200** includes a V-shaped or U-shaped spring **210** having a first button **212**. V-shaped spring **210** is compressed between opposing inner cylindrical surfaces of the elongate support member **16**, **18**, or **200**. First button **212** extends through a button opening formed in the cylindrical wall of elongate support member **16**, **18**, **200**. Even when the second button **110** is depressed fully inwardly, first button **212** remains at least partially in its button opening such that the V-shaped spring **210** does not slide axially or rotate radially in elongate support member **16**, **18**, or **200**.

Each of the side support members **70**, **72** includes the second button **110**. Second button **110** is T-shaped and is engaged in a T-shaped opening **216**. Second button **110** is slidingly engaged in T-shaped opening **216**. When side support member **70** slides onto elongate support member **16** or **200** or when side support member **72** slides onto elongate support member **18** or **200**, first button **212** is initially depressed by the proximal ends of a track **260** for button **212** of the elongate receptor **84** but, as such sliding continues, first button **212** encounters the T-shaped opening **216** and pops into such T-shaped opening **216**, thereby locking the side support members **70**, **72** to the respective elongate support member **16**, **18**, or **200**. When first button **212** pops into the T-shaped opening **216**, the first button **212** pushes the second button **110** outwardly, but second button **110** remains engaged to its respective side support member **70** or **72**. To unlock the side support members **70**, **72** from its respective elongate support member **16**, **18**, or **200**, the second button **110** is depressed to depress first button **212** until the outside surface of first button **212** is within or adjacent to the outside surface of the elongate support member **16**, **18**, or **200**, whereupon the side support member **70** or **72** can be slid off its respective elongate support member **16**, **18**, or **200**.

FIG. **9** shows the base **14** pushed to an out-of-the-way position when the body **12** is disengaged from the base **14**. To push the base **14** from the position shown in FIGS. **1** and **2** to the out-of-the-way position shown in FIG. **9**, the first steps are to disengage the body **12** from the base **14** by depressing the second buttons **110** to unlock the body **12** from the elongate support members **16**, **18** and then sliding the body **12** off the elongate support members **16**, **18**. Then the proximal counter members **62** are turned horizontally such that the proximal counter members **62** no longer vertically confront sides **42**, **64** of the mattress support **36** and mattress **56** and such that the proximal counter members **62** can slide between the mattress support **36** and mattress **56**. Then the proximal counter members **62** slide therebetween when the legs **20**, **22**, elongate support members **16**, **18**, cross member **24**, and cross member **26** are slid as a unit in the direction of the distal counter members **32**, **34** and between the mattress support **36** and the mattress **56** until cross member **24** confronts and abuts the proximal side **42** of the mattress support **36** such that the base **14** is tucked

away in an out-of-the-way position. In such a position, and with such sliding of such unit, the distal counter members **32**, **34** remain engaged between the mattress support **36** and mattress **56** and remain confronting the distal sides **44**, **55** of the respective mattress support **36** and mattress **56**. Flexible straps **28**, **30** lie slack until the base **14** is pulled back out of the bed until cross member **26** abuts and confronts the proximal side **42**, **64** of the mattress support **36** and mattress **56**, whereupon the proximal counter members **62** may be pivoted vertically such that the mattress support **36** and mattress **56** are again hugged or squeezed between the proximal counter members **62** and distal counter members **32**, **34** to secure the base **14** such that the body **12** may be safely engaged to the base **14** at a location adjacent to the mattress support **36** and mattress **56**.

FIG. **10** shows the bassinet receptacle **92** isolated and disengaged from the body frame, i.e., the side support members **70**, **72** and the bassinet support members **94**, **96**.

As to the bassinet receptacle **92**, FIG. **10** shows that the buckles **114** are mounted on the bassinet receptacle **92** by respective flexible straps **218**. Straps **218** are relatively short. The ends **224** of the straps **218** are stitched to the lower layer **168** while intermediate portions of the straps **218** remain free of the lower layer **168**. Buckle **114** includes two slots **220** without side openings. Such slots **220** are vertically disposed. An intermediate portion **222** of strap **218** extends downwardly through one of the slots **220**, over an integral elongate portion of buckle **114** disposed between the slots **220**, and upwardly through the other slot **220** such that buckle **114** is engaged by the intermediate portion **222** of the strap **218** engaging the integral elongate portion of buckle **114** and by the strap ends **224** of the strap **218** being stitched to the lower layer **168**. Strap **218**, including its ends **224** and intermediate portion **222**, does not engage opening **146** that leads into slot **226**.

Each of the flexible straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** includes a loop **228** formed at the distal end of the respective strap **136**, **138**, **140**, **142**. The loop **228** is formed by the respective strap **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** itself. The terminal end of the strap **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** is turned back and stitched to a portion of such strap that is spaced from the terminal end. Loop **228** is passed through opening **146** of buckle **114** and then engages clip **144** of buckle **114**. Clip **144** is disposed at each of the ends of the buckle **114**.

Each of the straps **136**, **138**, **140** includes a proximal end **230**. Each of the proximal ends **230** is engaged, such as by stitching, to an upper top edge portion **232** of each of the flexible sides **130**, **132** of the flexible receptacle **92**. Starting from the proximal end **230** of each of the straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142**, each such strap then engages the U-shaped bar **143** so as to pass between the bar **142** and the top housing portion **78**, then each such strap extends downwardly on the outside of one of the ends **130**, **132**, then each such strap turns inwardly to extend across the lower surface of the lower layer **168**, then each such strap passes through a restraining loop formed by flexible strip **234** and lower layer **168** to keep each such strap from bowing or hanging downwardly under the influence of gravity, then each such strap with its respective distal end loop portion **228** is slid through opening **146** and engages clip **144**. There is only one portion of each of the straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** that is stitched to the bassinet receptacle **92**, and such only one portion is the proximal end **230** that is engaged to the top edge portion **232** of the ends **130**, **132**. Straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** are preferably not adjustable.

By disengaging bassinet support members **94**, **96** from receptors **158**, **160** and by disengaging distal looped ends **229** from the buckles **114**, then pulling the straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** out of the loops formed by strips **234** and out of the loops formed by U-shaped portions **143**, the bassinet receptacle **92** is removed from the side support members **70**, **72** and bassinet support members **94**, **96** for washing. The peg board or hard floor **162** is preferably removed prior to washing.

Straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** provide end to end support for the bassinet receptacle **92** and provide support for the floor **134** of the bassinet receptacle **92**. Straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** engage the side support members **70**, **72**. Receptors **158**, **160** provide side to side support for the bassinet receptacle **92**. Receptors **158**, **160** engage the bassinet support members **94**, **96**. It should be noted that side support members **70**, **72** may be referred to as end support members because such members **70**, **72** engage the straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** that engage the ends **130**, **132** of the bassinet receptacle **92**. It should be noted that side support members **70**, **72** may be referred to as bassinet support members because such members **70**, **72** engage the straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** that engage both the floor **134** of the bassinet receptacle **92** and the ends **130**, **132** of the bassinet receptacle **92**.

FIGS. **11**A and **11**B show the trigger block **106**. Trigger block **106** includes the trigger **184** that extends out of the top housing portion **78**. This is the portion of the trigger block **106** that is engaged by the finger of the user and squeezed or pulled so as to disengage the side support members **70**, **72** from the bassinet support members **94**, **96**. Interior portions of the trigger block **106** include an integral lower horizontal base **236**, an integral vertical support **238**, and an integral upper horizontal base **240**. Trigger **184** depends from one portion of the lower horizontal base **236**. Integral upper horizontal base **240** extends over another portion of the lower horizontal base **236** and area **192** is formed between such portion of the lower horizontal base **236** and the integral upper horizontal base **240**. Vertical support **238** includes a ribbed receptor **242** for coil spring **108** and a triangular plate portion or brace **244** that reinforces the integral connection between the vertical support **238** and the lower horizontal base **236**. The brace **244** also may act to pinch the end of the coil spring **108** between the brace **244** and the receptor **242** to pinch the coil spring **108** to the trigger block **106**. Upper horizontal base **240** includes a face **246** that abuts the end **123** of the U-shaped portion **122** when the U-shaped portion **122** is received in area **190**. Trigger block **106** is essentially part of its respective side support member **70**, **72** and pivots when the side support members **70**, **72** pivot. Such pivoting brings area **190** into a position that surrounds U-shaped portion **122** and brings face **123** to abut in a cross ways fashion face **246** of the trigger block **106**. One end of base **236** opposes an upper base portion **248** of the trigger **184**. Upper trigger base portion **248** and such end of base **236** form a slot or receptor **250** for receiving plate portions **252**, shown in FIG. **5**A, of the upper housing portion **78** to minimize vertical movement of the trigger **184** when the trigger **184** is sliding by a pulling (when the coil springs **108** are compressed) or sliding by a release (when the coil springs **108** expand).

When the side support members **70**, **72** and bassinet support members **94**, **96** are unlocked and the triggers **184** are squeezed together and the side support members **70**, **72** are pivoted fully away from a plane defined by bassinet support members **94**, **96**, face **246** lies above end **123** and space **190**B is empty. Here space **190**A is occupied by U-shaped member **122**.

When the side support members **70**, **72** and bassinet support members **94**, **96** are unlocked and the triggers **184**

are squeezed together and the side support members **70**, **72** are pivoted to be substantially in a plane defined by bassinet support members **94**, **96**, face **246** abuts end **123** in a crosswise fashion and each of spaces **190**A and **190**B is occupied by the U-shaped member **122**.

When the side support members **70**, **72** are pivoted and are brought to a locked position, face **246** and end **123** pivot relatively against each other until the elongate face **246** and elongate end are parallel, whereupon the coil springs **108** pushingly snap the upper horizontal base **240** into the upper portion **190**B of area **190** and the U-shaped portion **122** is snappingly received into receptor **192**. Here the triggers **184** are disposed at their furthest distance apart from each other.

Then, when the triggers **184** are squeezed, upper horizontal base **246** slides out of the upper portion **190**B of area **190** and receptor **192** slides out of engagement with U-shaped portion **122**. When trigger block end face **246** is coplanar with end **123**, face **246** and ends **123** can pivot relative to each other and U-shaped portion **122** can be received in the upper portion **190**B of area **190** such that the side support members **70**, **72** may be pivoted inwardly relative to the bassinet support members **94**, **96**. Here U-shaped portion **122** is also in the lower portion **190**A of area **190**.

Interior surface portions of top housing portions **78** keep trigger blocks **106** housed therein and sliding along a straight axis with minimal side to side movement and with minimal vertical movement. Interior surface portions of top housing portions **78** keep the bassinet support member ends **116** in the top housing portions with minimal side to side movement, minimal vertical movement, and minimal axial movement, but permit the bassinet support member ends **116** and U-shaped portions **122** to pivot relative to the top housing portions **78**.

FIGS. **12**A, **12**B show views of the outer half portion **100**, **104** of the housing **256** of side support member **70** or **72** of the body **12** of the bassinet apparatus **10**. FIGS. **13**A, **13**B show views of the inner half portion **98**, **102** of the housing **256** of side support member **70** or **72** of the body **12** of the bassinet apparatus **10**. Outer half portions **100**, **104** and their respective inner half portions **98**, **102** without the trigger block **106** make up housing **256**.

Outer half portion **100**, **104** of housing **256** includes a button track **260** that extends from just inside one opening **87** to just inside the other opening **87**. Button **212** is depressed by this track **260** so as to compress spring **210**. Button **212** extends from one side of elongate support member **16**, **18**, **200**. The other side of elongate support member **16**, **18**, **200** slidingly confronts and engages an elongate wall **262** extending from just inside one opening **87** to just inside the other opening **87**. Track **260** is formed by two walls spaced apart and extending from an outer face wall **264** of outer housing portion **100**, **104**. Elongate wall **262** extends from face wall **180** of inner housing portion **98**, **102**. The two spaced apart but adjacent walls that make up track **260** merge into a single wall track portion **268** that continues to depress button **212** but that then terminates at T-shaped opening **216**, whereupon button **212** audibly pops out and pushes button **110** outwardly. When button **110** is pushed inwardly, button **110** engages button **212** and pushes button **212** inwardly such that, when side support members **70**, **72** begin to slide off of elongate support members **16**, **18**, **200**, the outer face of button **212** rides in a depressed state on track **260** to end opening **87**, whereupon button **212** pops out.

Each of housing half portions **98**, **100**, **102**, **104** includes an elongate inner housing portion **178** that slidingly engages trigger blocks **106** and U-shaped portions **122** from above. Elongate inner housing portion **178** depends from an outer perimeter top wall **270** of outer half portions **100**, **104** and an outer perimeter top wall **272** of inner half portions **98**, **102**. Upper faces of an inner perimeter top wall **274** of outer half portions **100**, **104** and upper faces of an inner perimeter top wall **276** of inner half portions **98**, **102** slidingly engage from below bottom faces of lower horizontal base **236** of trigger blocks **106**. Each of the half portions **98**, **100** includes inner face wall **180** that relatively slidingly engages trigger blocks **106** on one side **278**, **280** of the trigger block **106**. Each of the half portions **100**, **104** includes outer face wall **264** that relatively slidingly engages trigger blocks **106** on the other side **278**, **280** of the trigger block **106**. Inner perimeter top walls **274**, **276** includes openings **182** that receive triggers **184** of the trigger blocks **106**. Plate portion **252** is a portion of inner perimeter top walls **274**, **276**.

Internal vertical wall **186** depends from elongate inner housing portions **178**. One end of coil spring **108** abuts this internal vertical wall **186** and the other end of the coil spring **108** engages receptor **242** on trigger block **106**. Sides of the coil spring **108** are engaged by a set of three ribs **282** extending horizontally from the internal vertical wall **186** and further extending horizontally from outer face wall **264** and inner face wall **180** such that the coil spring **108** is engaged from the sides as coil spring **108** approaches and makes contact with internal vertical wall **186**.

Circular openings **188** are form in outer perimeter oblique side walls **284** for engaging end portions **116** of the bassinet support members **94**, **96**. General open area **190** receives the U-shaped portion **122** of the bassinet support members **94**, **96** and further receives portions of the trigger block **106**.

General open area **190** communicates with circular openings **188**. General open area **190** includes area portion **190**A and area portion **190**A.

General open area **190** is formed at least in part by floor portions **286**, sidewall portions or ribs **288**, and ceiling portions **290** that are integral with housing **256** and extend from outer face wall **264** and inner face wall **180**. General open area **190** is in communication with area **292** where upper horizontal base **240** of trigger block **106** slides. Area **292** is formed in part by ceiling **290** that is the lower surface of housing portion **178** and an upper rib or floor **294** that is an extension of the upper rib of ribs **282**. The lower and upper ribs of ribs **282** extend to upright rib **306**. Upper horizontal base **240** of trigger block **106** also slides into area portion **190**B to lock the U-shaped portion **122**.

Sidewall portion or rib **288** includes a receptor or curved or rounded mount for receiving and engaging bassinet support member end **116** such that bassinet support member end **116** is engaged **1**) by the receptor in rib **288**, **2**) by opening **188**, and **3**) by the circular or rounded mount formed in the side of rib **306**.

When the trigger blocks **106** lock the U-shaped portions **122** in place such that the side support members **70**, **72** cannot rotate relative to the bassinet support members **94**, **96**, the U-shaped portions **122** reside in area portion **190**A, shown in FIGS. **12**A and **13**A, with upper horizontal base **240** of trigger block **106** residing in at least a portion of area portion **190**B.

Trigger block **106** slides back and forth with no pivoting. Relative to the side support member **70**, **72** in which U-shaped portion **122** is housed, U-shaped portion **122** pivots back and forth with no sliding.

Face **123** of U-shaped portion **122** includes opposing straight edges. When body **12** is in the operative and upright position and U-shaped portion **122** is locked by trigger block **106**, these straight edges run horizontally. One straight edge

is upper edge **296**. Upper edge **296** is formed by the junction of face **123** and face **300** of the U-shaped portion **122**. Face **300** is shown in FIG. **5**B. When body **12** is in the compact position and is on a horizontal surface such as shown in FIG. **3**A, these straight edges also run horizontally. In other words, side support members **70**, **72** are pivoting, not U-shaped portions **122**.

Trigger block **106** includes a face **246**. Face **246** is surrounded by four oblique edges. One of these oblique edges is a lower edge **298** in the orientation shown in FIGS. **11**A and **11**B.

When body **12** is in the compact position, U-shaped portion **122** resides in both area portions **190**A, **190**B. When side support members **70**, **72** are being pivoted from the stored to operating positions, face **246** of trigger block **106** snaps into area portion **190**B when oblique straight edge **298** becomes parallel to straight upper edge **296** of U-shaped portion **122**. Prior to such snapping, face **246** of trigger block **106** is abutting against and pivoting against face **123** of U-shaped portion **122**.

When body **12** is in the compact position, U-shaped portion **122** is in each of area portions **190**A, **190**B. When body **12** is in the operative position, U-shaped portion is in only portion **190**A.

FIG. **14**A shows the trigger blocks **106** in half portion **100**, **104** without coil springs **108** and with triggers **184** drawn apart to lock the trigger blocks **106** over the U-shaped portion **122** to lock the side support members **70**, **72** against rotation relative to the bassinet support members **94**, **96**. FIG. **14**B shows the trigger blocks **106** in half portion **100**, **104** without coil springs **108** and with the triggers **184** drawn together to permit the side support members **70**, **72** to rotate relative to the bassinet support members **94**, **96**.

To relate the trigger blocks **106** of FIG. **14**A to FIG. **12**A that does not show the trigger blocks **106**, the trigger block **106** will be described from the bottom up. Trigger **184** is disposed at the bottom of the trigger block **106** when the base **14** is in the operative position on elongate members **16**, **18**. Trigger **184** is generally triangular shaped when viewed from the side and depends from plate portion **248**. Plate portion **248** opposes a section of plate portion **236** and, in doing so, forms slot **250**. Slot **250** receives a plate portion **252** of the inner perimeter top wall **274**. Plate portion **248** is engaged to plate portion **236** by an upward block extension **302**. Upward block extension **302** slides back and forth in opening **182**. The sides of upward block extension **302** work as stops for the back and forth sliding of the trigger block **106** when such sides hit the ends of the openings **182**. While one section of plate portion **236** opposes plate section **248**, the other section of plate portion **236** opposes upper horizontal base or lock portion or block portion **240** and, in so doing, forms receptor **192** for receiving U-shaped portion **122**. Such other section of plate portion **236** slides on a bottom face of housing rib **304**. Housing rib **304** is disposed in receptor **192**. Rib **304** runs inwardly and then turns upwardly to form rib **306**. Rib **306** runs adjacent to vertical support **238** of trigger block **106** such that vertical support **238** of trigger block **106** does not slide into area **190** or area portion **190**A or area portion **190**B. Vertical support **238** of trigger block **106** slides on a section of ribs **294**. Block portion **240** is a portion of the trigger block **106** and extends into area **190**B to slide over the U-shaped portion **122** when the triggers **184** are released. Block portion **240** slides out of area **190**B when the triggers **184** are drawn in, as shown in FIG. **14**B. Opposite of receptor **192**, on the other side of the vertical support **238**, the coil spring receptor or mount **242** extends from the vertical support **238**. The upper face of block portion **240** slides up against housing portion **178**. U-shaped portion **122** effectively does not pivot. Instead, housing portion **100**, **104** pivots about the U-shaped portion **122**. Housing portion **100**, **104** pivots when the triggers **184** are drawn in and block portion **240** is removed from area **190**B. Then area **190**B receives U-shaped portion **122** as the housing portion **100**, **104** pivots relative to the bassinet support members **94**, **96**. The side edge of rib **306** is curved to serve as a mount for the terminal end **124** of bassinet support member **94**, **96**. Each of the ribs **306** has a mate or counterpart on the other housing portion **98**, **102** so as to capture the cylindrical terminal end **124**. U-shaped housing portion **122** confronts rib **304**, rib **306**, outer wall **264** of housing half portions **100**, **104** (and outer wall **180** of half portions **98**, **102**), housing portion **178**, and rib **308** that has a receptor for bassinet support member end **116**.

As shown in FIGS. **12**A, **12**B, **13**A, and **13**B, oblique braces **310** or oblique ribs **310** extend to and between the inner and outer perimeter walls of bottom housing portion **76**, side housing portion **80**, and side housing portion **82**. The oblique braces or ribs **310** in bottom housing portion **76** are oblique relative to the straight housing floor portion of bottom housing portion **76** that ribs **310** engage and that defines a plane. The oblique braces or ribs **310** in side housing portion **80** are oblique relative to the straight outer perimeter side **284** that the ribs **310** engage and that defines a plane. The oblique braces or ribs **310** in side housing portion **82** are oblique relative to the straight outer perimeter side **284** that the ribs **310** engage and that defines a plane. The ribs **310** form a Z-pattern. The ribs **310** extend alternately from an outer perimeter wall portion to an inner perimeter wall portion and so on, except at the junctions of bottom housing portion **76** and side housing portions **80**, **82** where one oblique rib **310** extends from an outer perimeter wall portion of bottom housing portion **76** to an outer perimeter wall portion of either side housing portion **80** or side housing portion **82**.

Housing portion **102** is engaged to housing portion **104** with pin connectors **112**. Prior to such an engagement, upper and lower tongues **312** of housing portion **102** may be located in upper and lower tongue receptor slots **314** of housing portion **104**. Tongues **312** extend from and tongue receptor slots **314** are formed in the inner trapezoidal perimeter wall of the respective housing portions **102**, **104**.

Housing portion **98** is engaged to housing portion **100** with pin connectors **112**. Prior to such an engagement, upper and lower tongues **312** of housing portion **98** may be located in upper and lower tongue receptor slots **314** of housing portion **100**. Tongues **312** extend from and tongue receptor slots **314** are formed in the inner trapezoidal perimeter wall of the respective housing portions **98**, **100**.

The U-shaped portion **122** is shown in phantom in FIG. **14**B. In the compact and stored position of body **12** as shown in FIG. **3**A, the trigger block **106** abuts against the U-shaped portion **122**. And then, when the side support members **70**, **72** are swung out so as to pivot relative to the bassinet support members **94**, **96**, the trigger block **122** keeps abutting the U-shaped member **122** until the trigger block **122** snaps over the U-shaped portion **122**, thereby providing an audible signal to the user of a locked condition as shown in FIG. **3**B. It is therefore preferred that the triggers **184** are not operated during the swinging out of the side support members **70**, **72** from the compact and stored position so as not to provide the space shown in FIG. **14**B. However, it is preferred that the triggers **184** are operated when the opposite is undertaken. In other words, when the triggers **184** are fully drawn together, the trigger block **106** is spaced from

the U-shaped member **122** as shown in FIG. **14**B, and this permits free movement of the trigger block **106** relative to the U-shaped member **122** such that the side support members **70**, **72** pivot freely relative to the bassinet support members **94**, **96** and can pivot freely to their stored and compact position shown in FIG. **3**A with no friction between the trigger block **106** and the U-shaped member **122**.

In operation, with reference to FIG. **1**, the base **14** may be assembled. Lower leg portions **66** may be engaged to their respective upper leg portions **68**. Upper leg portions **68** are part of a T-shape unit. Each upper leg portion **68** is welded to one half portion of cross support **24**. The T-shape units are engaged by a quick connection at the inner ends of the half portions of cross support **24**. This part of the assembly process results in an H-shaped base portion.

Then half portions **63** are engaged by quick connection **65** shown in FIG. **6**A such that elongate support members **16**, **18** are engaged to each other. This part of the assembly also results in an H-shaped base portion.

Then the proximal ends **46** of the elongate support members **16**, **18** are engaged to upper leg portions **68** such that buttons **69** engage button openings in the upper leg portions **68**. This part of the assembly process results in the legs **20**, **22** and cross support **24** defining a plane that is disposed at a right angle relative to a plane defined by the elongate support members **16**, **18** and cross support member **26**.

Then upper leg portions **68** may be adjusted relative to lower leg portions **66** to dispose the elongate support members **16**, **18** at the height of the upper surface **38** of the mattress support **36**. Then the distal end portions **48** of the elongate support members **16**, **18** are disposed on the upper surface **38** of the mattress support **36** such that cross support member **26** is disposed at the proximal side **42** of the mattress support **36** and such that proximal counter members **62**, after being pivoted to be disposed vertically, confront the proximal side **42** of the mattress support **36**. Then the lengths of the first and second straps **28**, **30** are adjusted such that distal counter members **32**, **34** engage the distal side **44** of the mattress support **36**.

Then, referring to FIG. **2**, the mattress **56** may be placed on the mattress support **36**. Then the first and second straps **28**, **30** are tightened such that the mattress support **36** and mattress **56** are hugged or squeezed between the proximal counter members **62** and the distal counter members **32**, **34** so as to provide a stable base **14** for the bassinet body **12**.

Then, referring to FIGS. **3**A and **3**B, the bassinet body **12** is unpacked from the form in which it is shipped, whether such form is flat and planar or whether such form is substantially flat as shown in FIG. **3**A, to the fully unpacked and locked form shown in FIG. **3**B. This is done by pivoting the side support members **70**, **72** outwardly until, referring to FIG. **5**B, the trigger blocks **106** are oriented to receive the U-shaped portions **122** of the ends **116** of the bassinet support members **94**, **96** in the receivers or receptors **192** of the trigger blocks **106**. Prior to such pivoting the U-shaped portion **122** resides in the upper portion **190**B and lower portion **190**A of open area **190** of the upper housing portions **78** of the side support members **70**, **72** where face **246** of the trigger block **106** abuts the face **123** of the U-shaped portion **122** in a cross-wise fashion. When the trigger blocks **106** are so oriented to receive U-shaped portions **122**, the trigger blocks **106** automatically under pressure from the coil springs **108** snap onto the U-shaped ends **122**, thereby locking the side support members **70**, **72** to the bassinet support members **94**, **96**. This locking results in the oblique orientation shown in FIG. **5**C, where the base is base **14** or rocker base **194**.

After the side support members **70**, **72** have been locked relative to the bassinet support members **94**, **96**, the straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** may be engaged to the buckles **114** if such straps have not already been engaged. It should be noted that the straps **136**, **138**, **140**, **142** are preferably engaged to the buckles **114** at the factory and shipped in such state. It should be noted that the bassinet receptacle **92** is preferably engaged to the bassinet support members **94**, **96** by the receptors **158**, **160** on each of the sides of the bassinet receptacle **92** at the factory and is shipped in such state.

Then the locked bassinet body **12** may be slid onto the bed base **14** by sliding the side support members **70**, **72** onto the elongate support members **16**, **18** until the first buttons **212** of the elongate support members **16**, **18** snap into the T-shaped openings **216** of the side support members **70**, **72**. The user feels this snapping taking place and also sees the proximal ends **46** extend beyond the open ends of openings **84** so as to close the open ends of the openings **84** of the side support members **70**, **72**. At this locked position, the bassinet receptacle **92** is adjacent to the mattress **56**.

Referring to FIG. **7**A, the rocker base **194** is assembled by employing the quick connection in receptors **206** and in the outer ends of the elongate support members **196** to engage the elongate support members **196** to the side rocker units **198**. When so engaged, rocker **204**, legs **202** and elongate support members **200** define first and second planes disposed at a right angle to a plane defined by elongate support members **196**, as shown in FIG. **5**C. Then the unfolded and locked bassinet body **12** may be slid onto the elongate support members **200** in the same manner that the body **12** is slid onto elongate support members **200**. The user will hear the first buttons **212** snap into the T-shaped openings **216** and the user will see the ends **208** emerge from the open ends of the receptors **84** such that the ends **208** close off such open ends of the receptors **84**. These audio and visual signals are present with each of bed base **14** and rocker base **194**. When so locked, the bassinet receptacle **92** may be rocked.

To disengage the bassinet receptacle **92** from either the bed base **14** of the rocker base **194**, the second button **110** is pushed, which pushes first button **212** from out of engagement with the T-shaped opening **216**, which permits the user to slide the side support members **70**, **72**, and the body **12** as a whole including bassinet receptacle **92**, off the elongate members **16**, **18** of the bed base **14** or off the elongate members **200** of the rocker base **194**.

Then, after the body **12** has been removed from the bed base **14**, the proximal counter members **62** are turned horizontally and the frame of the bed base **14** is pushed into the bed, i.e., between the mattress support **36** and mattress **56**, by pushing against the cross member **24**, or by pushing against the legs **20**, **22**, or by pushing on the proximal ends of the elongate members **16**, **18** until the cross support member **24** abuts the proximal side **42** of the mattress support **36**. During such pushing, straps **28**, **30** loosen but distal counter members **32**, **34** remain engaged between the mattress support **36** and mattress **56** by the weight of the mattress **56** pinching the horizontal portion **58** of the distal counter members **32**, **34** against the upper surface of the mattress support **36** such that in the evening before bed, for example, when the frame of the bed base **14** is pulled out for use at night, the distal counter members **32**, **34** remain engaged such that the straps **28**, **30** tighten when the proximal counter members **62** arrive by such pulling at the proximal sides **42**, **64** of the respective mattress support **36** and mattress **56**. Then the body **12** can again be slid onto the elongate support members **16**, **18** for a night of sleep.

Thus since the invention disclosed herein may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or general characteristics thereof, some of which forms have been indicated, the embodiments described herein are to be considered in all respects illustrative and not restrictive. The scope of the invention is to be indicated by the appended claims, rather than by the foregoing description, and all changes which come within the meaning and range of equivalents of the claims are intended to be embraced therein.

What is claimed is:

1. A bassinet apparatus comprising:

a) a base comprising first and second elongate support members spaced apart from each other, parallel to each other, and fixed relative to each other;

b) first and second side support members, the first side support member engagable to the first elongate support member, the second side support member engagable to the second elongate support member;

c) a first bassinet support member extending from the first side support member to the second side support member and a second bassinet support member extending from the first side support member to the second side support member;

d) the first side support member being pivotable relative to the first and second bassinet support members and the second side support member being pivotable relative to the first and second bassinet support members; and

e) a bassinet receptacle engaged to and depending from the first and second bassinet support members, with the bassinet receptacle depending from the first and second bassinet support members when the bassinet receptacle is in use.

2. The bassinet apparatus of claim **1**, wherein each of the first and second bassinet support members includes an intermediate section, wherein the intermediate section of the first bassinet support member is disposed transversely of the first and second elongate support members and wherein the intermediate section of the second bassinet support member is disposed transversely of the first and second elongate support members.

3. The bassinet apparatus of claim **1**, wherein the first and second elongate support members define a first plane, wherein each of the first and second bassinet support members includes an intermediate section, wherein the intermediate sections of the first and second bassinet support members define a second plane, and wherein the second plane is disposed above the first plane.

4. The bassinet apparatus of claim **1**, wherein each of the first and second side support members includes a lower portion and an upper portion, the first and second elongate support members engaging the lower portion, the first and second bassinet support members engaging the upper portion.

5. The bassinet apparatus of claim **1**, wherein the first side support member is lockable on the first elongate support member to be fixed relative to the first elongate support member and wherein the second side support member is lockable on the second elongate support member to be fixed relative to the second elongate support member.

6. The bassinet apparatus of claim **1**, wherein each of the first and second side support members is lockable and unlockable from a pivoting position with the first and second bassinet support members such that the first and second side support members may assume a fixed position relative to the first and second bassinet support members.

7. The bassinet apparatus of claim **1**, wherein the bassinet receptacle includes at least one of a flexible side and flexible end.

8. The bassinet apparatus of claim **1**, wherein intermediate sections of the first and second bassinet support members define a first plane, wherein each of the first and second side support members define a second plane, wherein each of the first and second side support members are lockable to the first and second bassinet support members, the first and second planes being oblique to each other when the first and second side support members are locked to the first and second bassinet support members.

9. The bassinet apparatus of claim **1**, and further comprising at least one flexible strap portion engaged between the first side support member and the bassinet receptacle and at least one flexible strap portion engaged between the second side support member and the bassinet receptacle.

10. The bassinet apparatus of claim **1**, wherein each of the first and second bassinet support members includes an intermediate section, the intermediate sections opposing each other in a first direction, the intermediate sections being spaced apart by a first distance defined by inner edges of the intermediate sections, wherein each of the first and second side support members includes a width extending in the first direction, said width being greater than the first distance such that, when the first and second side support members are pivoted, the first and second side support members become to be adjacent to the intermediate sections of the first and second bassinet support members.

11. The bassinet apparatus of claim **1**, wherein said first bassinet support member includes opposite end portions that are spaced apart by a first distance, wherein said second bassinet support member includes opposite end portions that are spaced apart by said first distance, the opposite end portions engaging sides of the side support members, and inner ends of the side support members being spaced from each other and adjacent to each other when in an unlocked position and pivoted to an innermost position.

12. The bassinet apparatus of claim **1**, and further comprising a flexible strap having proximal and distal ends, the proximal end of the flexible strap engaged to the base, and still further comprising a distal end counter member engaged to the distal end of said flexible strap, the distal end counter member having first and second pieces extending at a right angle relative to each other and being rigid relative to each other.

13. The bassinet apparatus of claim **1**, wherein the base comprises:

a) at least one leg depending from the first elongate support member and at least one leg depending from the second elongate support member; and

b) at least one traversing support member engaged between said legs that holds the legs in a spaced apart relation such that the first and second elongate support members are held in a spaced apart relation.

14. The bassinet apparatus of claim **1**, wherein said base is a rocking base.

15. The bassinet apparatus of claim **1**, wherein the first elongate support member includes a length greater than a length of the first side support member such that ends of the first elongate support member extend beyond sides of the first side support member, and wherein the second elongate support member includes a length greater than a length of the second side support member such that ends of the second elongate support member extend beyond sides of the second side support member.

16. A bassinet apparatus, comprising:

a) a bassinet receptacle having first and second opposing sides, first and second opposing ends, and a floor, a direction running from the first opposing side to the second opposing side defining a first direction;

b) first and second bassinet support members, the first and second bassinet support members engaging the bassinet receptacle, the bassinet receptacle depending from the first and second bassinet support members, with the bassinet receptacle depending from the first and second bassinet support members when the bassinet receptacle is in use;

c) first and second side support members, the first side support member pivotally engaged to each of the first and second bassinet support members such that the first side support member pivots about an axis parallel to the first direction, the second side support member pivotally engaged to each of the first and second bassinet support members such that the second side support member pivots about an axis parallel to the first direction; and

d) a first flexible strap portion engaged between the first side support member and the bassinet receptacle and a second flexible strap portion engaged between the second side support member and the bassinet receptacle.

17. The bassinet apparatus of claim 16, and further comprising a base, the base comprising:

a) first and second elongate support members spaced apart from each other and parallel to each other;

b) the first side support member slideably engaging the first elongate support member and the second side support member slideably engaging the second elongate support member;

c) the first elongate support member including a length greater than a length of the first side support member such that ends of the first elongate support member extend beyond sides of the first side support member, and the second elongate support member including a length greater than a length of the second side support member such that ends of the second elongate support member extend beyond sides of the second side support member; and

d) the base having a first location and a second location, the base being adjustable such that a distance between the first and second location is adjustable.

18. The bassinet apparatus of claim 16, and further comprising a base, the base comprising:

a) first and second elongate support members spaced apart from each other and parallel to each other;

b) the first side support member slideably engaging the first elongate support member and the second side support member slideably engaging the second elongate support member;

c) the first elongate support member including a length greater than a length of the first side support member such that ends of the first elongate support member extend beyond sides of the first side support member, and the second elongate support member including a length greater than a length of the second side support member such that ends of the second elongate support member extend beyond sides of the second side support member;

d) at least one leg; and

e) at least one rocker engaged to said at least one leg.

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